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The best careers start here

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Where to go on Feb.14:

Check out the listing of the shows where you and your best date on Valentine's Day can fall in love over again forever.

PNP guards bar Villars from Erap's Tanay estate

By Norman Bordadora

THE LUNCH WAS READY, BUT THE GUESTS could not get in.

Senate President Manuel Villar and his wife, Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar, yesterday arrived at the vacation estate of Joseph Estrada in Tanay, Rizal, but the deposed President's police

PNP GUARDS/ A4

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Say it ain't so, Manny, fans implore Pacquiao

By Christian V. Esguerra and Tina G. Santos

BUGBOG-SARADO AKO SA INTERNET!

WHAT MAKES MANNY Pacquiao run?

Politicians appear to have succeeded in luring the boxing superstar

SAY/ A8

COOKING UP A DECISION AT LE SOUFFLE: Already it was late Friday night but the Wednesday Club and its formidable four had yet to fork over their recipe for unity. Breaking bread at Le Souffle at Rockwell, Makati City—and as it turned out breaking up as well—were from left, Senate President Manny Villar, Senators Ralph Recto, Francis Pangilinan and Joker Arroyo.

RODEL ROTONI

Villar, 'Kiko' to go solo

Wednesday Group splits; Joker, Ralph join GMA team

By Norman Bordadora and Cynthia D. Balana

SENATE PRESIDENT MANUEL VILLAR WILL CAST HIS LOT with the United Opposition (UNO), Senators Ralph Recto and Joker Arroyo will go with Team Unity, and Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan will strike out on his own.

Ousted President and UNO leader Joseph Estrada yesterday confirmed that the opposition coalition would adopt Villar as a candidate in its senatorial ticket.

Estrada also confirmed that detained Navy Lt. Antonio Trillanes (one of the leaders of the 2003 Oakwood mutiny), former Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani and Bukidnon Rep. Teofisto Guingona III were being seriously considered as UNO candidates.

Villar, Pangilinan, Recto and Arroyo, the four senators comprising the Wednesday Group, agreed to go their separate ways, at least for the senatorial elections, according to a highly placed source.

At their second meeting on Friday night at the Le Soufflé restaurant in Makati City, Villar and Pangilinan decided to run as independent candidates with the full backing of their respective political parties, the source said.

Villar is president of the Nacionalista Party, while Pangilinan belongs to the Liberal Party wing headed by Sen. Franklin Drilon.

The source said Recto and Arroyo were set to join the administration's Team Unity ticket. This was confirmed in a text message to the INQUIRER by Gabriel Claudio, President Macapagal-Arroyo's adviser on political affairs and representative of the ruling Lakas-CMD in Team Unity's recruiting panel.

VILLAR/ A4

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FROM HIGH COURT TO COURT OF LAST RESORT. "With Due Respect" is the title of the weekly column of former Supreme Court Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban starting today in the INQUIRER (Page A11). Described by Justice Antonio J. Carpio as "undoubtedly the most prolific writer of the court, bar none," Panganiban was the keynote speaker at the Ayala Young Leaders Congress, which is the subject of his first column and the photo above. Ayala Corp. invited 75 of the most outstanding student leaders. In a playful moment, Ayala chair emeritus Jaime Zobel de Ayala looked like he was trying to upstage his special guest.

Educators can learn from DVD pirates

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—EDUCATORS CAN LEARN a thing or two from their friendly neighborhood DVD pirates, according to an information technology company (IT) based here.

With the shortage of classrooms, teachers could record and distribute their lectures on DVD or transmit quizzes through the Internet, said Elmer Soriano, president of ThinkLab Solutions Inc.

The success of pirated DVDs should make educators realize that materials solicited through the Internet can be distributed faster and cheaper using this "pipeline," he added.

EDUCATORS / A8

Jolo's 'highway of death' now boulevard of dreams

By Fe Zamora

JOLO, SULU—ONCE KNOWN AS THE Highway of Death, Danag Road which traverses Patikul and Panamao now teems with life: Clusters of children strolling to school, farmers on roadsides drying coconut meat for copra, and houses bustling with men tying abaca fibers into bales.

Across the street where stands a concrete memorial to Brig. Gen. Teodulfo Bautista and 33 officers and men who were massacred along this road on Oct. 10, 1977, a group of women busy themselves with their laundry, water running generously from a deep-well pump.

At the barangay health center beside the memorial, mothers with babies await their turn with a midwife, the closest thing to a doctor they have, at least for now.

Driving across Patikul after 7 p.m. used to be a race for life, with gunmen seeming to lurk behind every tree.

Not anymore. The once dark, desolate

JOLO'S/ A6

PROMISING PROSPECTS: A five-year development program in the municipality of Luuk includes a fishport, a well-lit boulevard like Manila's Baywalk. And soon this high school student will be going to school in a new building funded by the US. REM ZMORA

WHAT'S INSIDE

RETIREMENT is not in Fr. Pierre Tritz's vocabulary even at 92.

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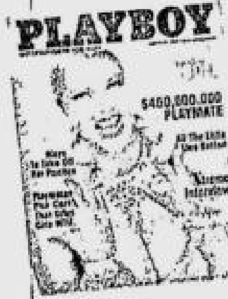
AUTOPSY GIVES NO clues in the "sudden, unexplained" death of Anna Nicole Smith. More tests ordered.



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ROBERT DEAN BARBERS, Philippine Tourism Authority chief, and his family escaped an alleged kidnap try in Bauan, Batangas.

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SEAFOOD Vi.a.gr.a or Vitamins and Green Algae, finalist in a World Bank development tilt, is the entry of renowned Pinoy inventor Bonifacio Comandante.

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RANDY DAVID: Why movie actors get elected: Lito Lapid once sent his horse in his stead when he couldn't attend a rally in Pampanga.

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PTA's Barbers, kin escape kidnap try

By Jerome Aning and Marlon Ramos, *Inquirer Southern Luzon*

PHILIPPINE TOURISM Authority General Manager Robert Dean Barbers narrowly escaped being kidnapped while driving with his family in Bauan, Batangas, yesterday.

BARBERS

Barbers said a car with four men blocked the Ford Explorer he was driving at the Bauan town proper.

"I heard one saying, 'It's him, it's him' and the other replying, 'okay, let's get him,' so I thought I was about to become a [kidnapping] statistic," Barbers said in a phone interview.

The PTA official believed he and his family were saved by a local journalist, later identified as Benjie Aclan, who saw what was happening and began taking photos with his cell phone. This apparently scared off the men, Barbers said.

"He's the angel who saved us, thanks to his alertness," said Barbers, adding that his wife, Katrina, also managed to take photos of the incident using her cell phone.

Supt. Ferdinand de Castro said two of the suspects were a policeman and a member of the Philippine Air Force.

De Castro said policeman Jun Virtusio and a Gerry Mendoza had been arrested. Two other suspects—Virtusio's brothers Noel, a member of the Barangay Intelligence Network in Batangas City, and Niño, a PAF technical sergeant—were still at large.

The Virtusios are sons of a barangay captain of San Jose town, said De Castro.

Barbers, who had no security escort, was driving with his wife and three children to a beach resort in Mabini, Batangas, for the weekend.

He said the suspects, who were in a Mitsubishi Adventure, first tried to block his car in San Jose town but he was able to get away. He said the suspects later switched vehicles, to a Toyota Revo, and chased them all the way to Bauan and were trying to force him off the road and waving at him to get down.

After he stepped out of his vehicle, two of the suspects, one of whom was shirtless, poked guns at him. Seeing that road traffic was heavy, Barbers said he opened all the windows of his SUV and appealed to the suspects to spare his family.

He said he identified himself and asked what the problem was. When the suspects saw that they were being videotaped by Aclan, they backed off.

The PTA chief said the local police told him he may been a possible victim of a "day kidnapping," in which people get kidnapped for a day and released after a small ransom is paid.

Barbers said his youngest daughter, aged six, may have been traumatized but the other two, aged 10 and 14, seemed fine.

"They finished their school exams this weekend and were egging me for an outing, so I decided to take them to the beach," he said.

De Castro said Jun Virtusio arrived at the police station to report the incident just a few minutes before Barbers.

"Barbers immediately told us that Virtusio was one of the men who supposedly tried to abduct them," he said.

Mendoza was standing just outside the Bauan police station, pretending to be a bystander, when he was arrested.

Police recovered the suspects' vehicle in front of the house of the Virtusios' father in Barangay Lalayak, San Jose.

They also found P100,000 in cash and the identification cards of the other suspects.

De Castro said they were preparing to file kidnapping and grave threat cases against the suspects.

Activists eagerly await UN probers

By Norman Bordadora

THE FAMILIES OF SLAIN ACTIVISTS yesterday expressed eagerness to meet with a team from the United Nations which will look into the extrajudicial killings in the country since President Macapagal-Arroyo assumed power in 2001.

Lawyer Philip Alston, UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, was scheduled to arrive in Manila last night. His team would be in the country until Feb. 21 to investigate the killings.

"We look forward to meeting him and we hope that he will hear us out and help serve justice," Evangeline Hernandez, convener of Hustisya, an organization of families of victims of extrajudicial killings, told a news conference.

Hernandez is the mother of Ateneo de Davao University student and human rights worker Benjaline Hernandez who was killed in an alleged encounter with the military in Compostela Valley in 2002. "We are ready to give our testimonies to him," she added.

Erlinda Cadapan, mother of University of the Philippines student Sherlyn Cadapan, also expressed the hope that Alston would look into the forced disappearances of perceived leftist militants.

"We've been looking for justice for the past eight months. Today, as Mr. Alston arrives, we are very much happy. We hope that he also looks into our case," Cadapan said.

Alston's arrival comes in the wake of the killing of 74-year-old peasant leader Dalmacio Gandinao in Salay, Misamis Oriental. Gandinao was shot Thursday by a Tagalog-speaking gunman while having dinner with his wife and three grandchildren.

"Now that the UN special rapporteur and his team are coming, we hope that they can help in stopping the killings," said Willy Marbella, secretary general of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

But the human rights group Karapatan expressed fears the government and its security forces might try to manipulate Alston.

"We hope Mr. Alston will maintain his independence despite attempts by government to limit his interaction with victims and human rights defenders," said Karapatan secretary general Marie Hilao-Enriquez.

Karapatan has said more than 800 people have been killed—allegedly by security forces—since 2001. More than 365 of the victims were left-wing activists, Karapatan said.

Aside from meeting with civil society organizations, human rights groups and the victims' families, Alston will meet with Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales.

With reports from Grace Albasin, Inquirer Mindanao, and Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

RP to provide security for US nurses' test here

By Leila B. Salaverria

NOW THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN approved as a testing site for nurses seeking employment in the United States, the main concern is to ensure the security and integrity of the National Council Licensure Examinations (NCLEX) to be administered here.

"We will be providing the physical security and the safeguards to ensure there will be no leakage," said Marilyn Yap, former president of the Philippine Nurses Association.

"We believe we can ensure the security and management of the information systems and database," she said.

Tan said the government has already gotten in touch with the local counterpart of Pearson Vue, an international company providing secure computerized testing services, to help administer the NCLEX.

Yap, who was one of those who helped to lobby for approval of the Philippines to be a testing site, said the country would also have to ensure that the physical security for the testing sites are adequate.

But she stressed the Philippines would have no participation in formulating the questions or the policies for the NCLEX since the test is administered by the US.

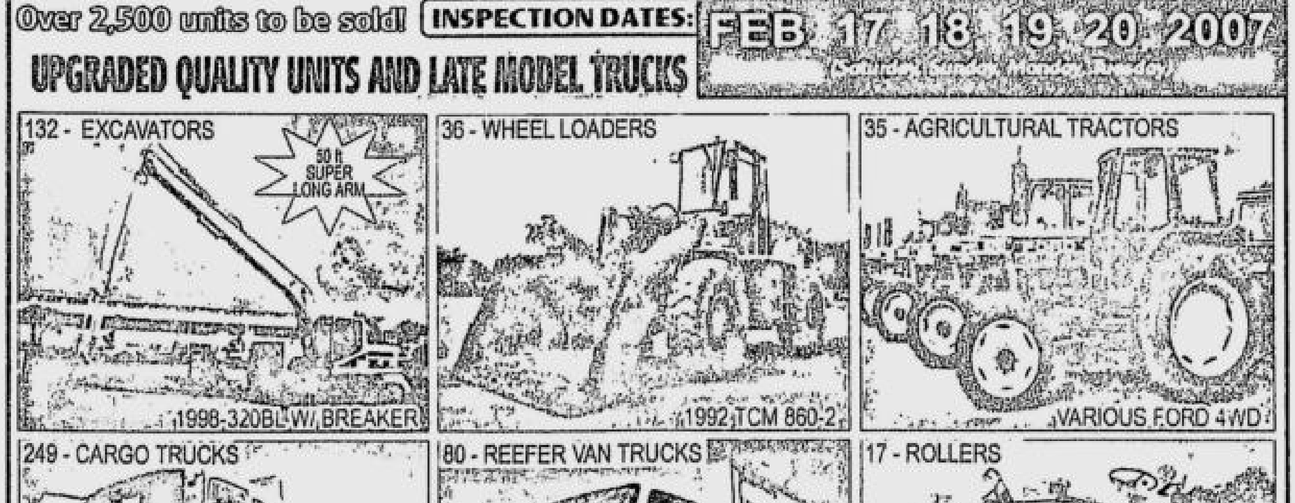
Yap believed the country's satisfactory handling of the test leak controversy that marred the June 2006 nursing licensure exam was the reason the US was persuaded the Philippines qualified as NCLEX site.

"They were convinced we exerted all efforts to rectify the situation and punish all those who were liable for the matter," she said.

She also believed the country's selection indicated that the test leak controversy had had no untoward effect.

The administration of the NCLEX in the Philippines will mean substantial savings for Filipino nurses taking the exam. Previously, exam takers had to travel to Hong Kong or Taiwan.

About 9,000 Filipinos take the NCLEX exam each year.



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Filipino inventor unveils his latest: Seafood Vi.a.gr.a

By Alex Pal
Inquirer Visayas

DUMAGUETE CITY—INTERNATIONALLY-renowned innovator and inventor Bonifacio Comandante is again poised to win another accolade for another scientific breakthrough.

Comandante, the marine biology graduate student of Silliman University who invented the technology whereby live fish may be transported without water, has been chosen as a finalist in the 2007 Global Development Marketplace competition of the World Bank in Washington, DC, on May 21-23.

This time, Comandante's study on introducing vitamin-enriched seafood through micronutrient capsules has emerged as one of 104 finalists from 43 countries from which about 30 winning proposals will receive grants from the World Bank.

Comandante's entry which he called "Seafood Vi.a.gr.a," an acronym for "Vitamins and Green Algae," survived two rounds of assessment that brought together roughly 250 health and development experts from inside and outside the World Bank. Some 224 assessors volunteered in the first round in early January, and 56 returned to participate in the second round a month later, along with nine newcomers, according to the World Bank.

"This is good news. But I need your spiritual support now more than ever. This is a good chance to advance the things we have in mind," Comandante said in an e-mail to the INQUIRER.

In 2005, Comandante bested over 150 contestants from 18 countries at the University of San Francisco international business plan competition for his technology of transporting live fish without water.

The vitamin-enriched seafood won second place in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Philippine Emerging Startups Open (MIT-Peso) Challenge, considered the playoffs in technology in the Philippines, two weeks ago.

The MIT-Peso Challenge is a technology and innovation-oriented business plan competition in the Philippines that uses the MIT $50,000 model to build a collaborative entrepreneurial environment that cultivates new, high value, globally competitive companies that not only create jobs, but also provide incentives for Filipino professionals to remain in the country.

Development Marketplace, on the other hand, is a competitive grant program of the World Bank that funds creative, small-scale development projects that deliver results and have the potential to be expanded or replicated.

This annual contest, which paired up with the World Bank Health, Nutrition and Population (NHP) units to focus on improving health, nutrition and population services for the poor, attracted a record high of nearly 2,900 applicants.

Church marks World Day of Sick

AS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MARKS THE liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes today, the faithful will also celebrate the fifteenth World Day of the Sick.

The World Day of the Sick, held on a different continent each year, will be held in Seoul, Korea this year with the theme, "The Spiritual and Pastoral Care of Patients with Incurable Diseases."

In the Philippines, the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, together with the Archdiocese of Manila celebrated the World Day of the Sick at the Espirito Santo Parish Church in Tayuman, Manila yesterday.

The event brought together around 1,000 sick and elderly, many in wheelchairs, from the different hospices, clinics, parishes, outreach centers and hospitals in Metro Manila and neighboring provinces.

The Mass was celebrated by Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales and concelebrated by about 30 priests in the healing ministry.

The Order of Malta's Advocacy Program for HIV/AIDS and its project, "Prevention of the Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS" was a fitting response to this year's theme of care for patients with incurable diseases.

US legacy of toxic waste in RP should make Iraqis wary, says 'peacemaker'

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CLARK ZONE—THE TOXIC WASTE the United States military left behind at its two former bases in the Philippines and the health problems these caused the local populace could provide a lesson for Iraqis opposing the presence of US bases in their country, according to a US peace advocate.

"The former US bases here are monuments to the toxicity of modern warfare," said Gene Stoltfus, founder of Christian Peacemakers Teams, in an article he sent to friends in Iraq.

Stoltfus ended on Feb. 3 a month-long visit to the former Clark Air Base in Pampanga and the Subic Naval Base in Zambales to prepare for future peacemaker delegations to the Philippines.

The INQUIRER obtained a copy of Stoltfus' article, "Recovering from this Age of Toxicity," from the People's Task Force for Bases Cleanup (PTFBC), one of the groups that he met with on his visit here.

"I hope that even in the midst of your darkest hours in Iraq you might have the opportunity of sending an official or unofficial delegation here to the Philippines to visit these abandoned military facilities so that grassroots victims here can show you how firm and vigilant you have to be in dealing with nations that install foreign bases in your country," Stoltfus, 67, told his friends who work as peacemakers in Iraq.

He said he had visited several former Subic base workers suffering from lung problems because of asbestos poisoning as a result of handling material used as covers for ammunition or insulation in warships.

He said they "described the difficulty they have experienced in getting medical help from either their former American employers or the Philippine government."

"Neither government wants to assume responsibility or liability," he said.

Stoltfus said his group would help in "the hard work of scientific research and agitation to alert the world to the price that will inevitably be paid to restore our earth and its civilization to health."

Myrla Baldonado, PTFBC executive director, said there was a "huge body of evidence of contamination" at Clark and Subic.

She said this had been confirmed by the US General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of the US Congress, the US Department of Defense and an environmental study conducted by Weston International.

The Philippine Department of Health also confirmed the high levels of lead and arsenic in the blood of several refugees from the Mt. Pinatubo eruption in the '90s evacuees who lived at the Clark Air Base Command, a former motor pool of the US Air Force.

The Clark Development Corp., the government agency overseeing the development of the former US base into an economic zone, sealed off old wells and contracted a private company to conduct regular tests for toxic substances. CDC officials have repeatedly said that Clark's water was safe for drinking.

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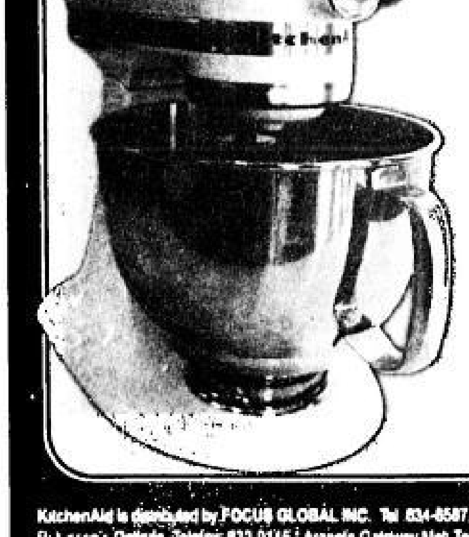

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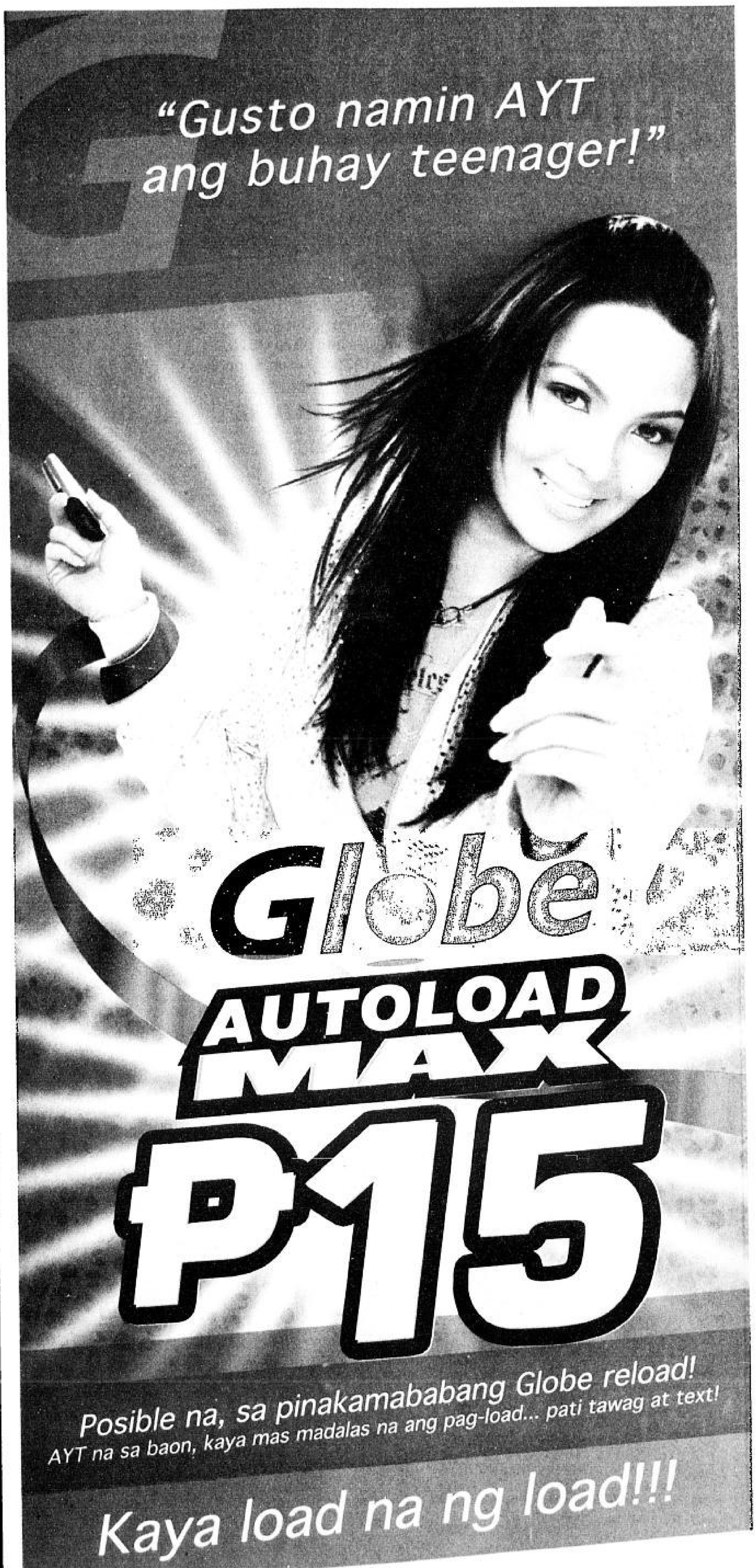
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PNP guards bar Villars from Erap's Tanay estate

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guards turned them away.

A frustrated Estrada told the INQUIRER that the police custodial team prevented the Villars from entering the estate on the basis of orders from higher-ups to limit the ex-President's visitors to members of his family and a lawyer.

Estrada said the agenda for the meeting was the Senate president's inclusion in the United Opposition's senatorial slate. *(See story on Page A1.)*

"We were supposed to discuss that. How can we do so when we are not allowed to?" he said.

National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales had earlier revealed supposed intelligence information that the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army, were plotting to kill Estrada.

As a result, the Philippine National Police has imposed restrictions on Estrada's visitors, and even on his personal communications via mobile phone.

"But he's the Senate president. How could he have been a threat?" Estrada said.

"It's a pity. They came a long way to get here," he added, referring to the two-hour drive through the hills of Rizal.

Known to be a gracious host, Estrada had lunch prepared for his visitors.

"[The guards] said they couldn't allow the Villars in. They said they had orders from higher-ups," Estrada said.

Asked if the guards' decision to bar Villar from seeing him had affected UNO's political time frame, he said: "Yes. Slightly."

He said he was trying to call Makati Mayor and UNO president Jejomar Binay to see what the opposition coalition could do to remedy the situation.

Estrada also said he had been having difficulty with his mobile communications.

"It's only by chance that I managed to get hold of my phone at this time," he said.

FILE PHOTO of former President Joseph Estrada with wife, Sen. Loi Estrada, driving a golf cart around the Tanay, Rizal estate. He was irked by new restrictions on his visitors like Villar. "Is the Senate president a threat?"

Villar, 'Kiko' to go solo

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"Yes, we are adopting him," Estrada told the INQUIRER in reference to Villar. "The three others (Trillanes, Shahani and Guingona III) are still the subject of serious discussion."

Estrada said the four names had been relayed to him by Makati Mayor and UNO president Jejomar Binay as those being considered for the last four slots in the opposition coalition's senatorial lineup for the May 14 elections.

Almost complete

Team Unity has firmed up its first 10 slots with tomorrow's deadline on the filing of candidacies looming closer.

Ending the tug-of-war between the administration and the opposition over the members of the Wednesday Group, Recto and Arroyo will join the likes of Sen. Edgardo Angara and former Senators Vicente "Tito" Sotto III and Tessie Aquino-Oreta, two erstwhile UNO members, who were given slots in the administration ticket despite grumbling from Malacañang's loyal allies.

A source in the Palace privy to the recruitment process said Pangilinan could join Team Unity within the next 48 hours.

The source privy to the Wednesday Group meeting said the members had vowed to regroup if elected.

"What is important is they respect each other's decision," the source said.

According to the source, Arroyo was encouraged by the results of the latest Pulse Asia survey showing him in the winning circle of senatorial preferences but he was saddled by a lack of funds to sustain a campaign.

The source said Recto had no problem joining Team Unity because his wife, Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos, was a member of Lakas and an avid supporter of the President.

Pangilinan's discomfort

Sought for comment on the impending separation of the group, Pangilinan said: "It's never over until it's over."

He continued: "In the event that we fail to reach a consensus, Senate President Villar and I are open to pushing for the LP-NP coalition as our common vehicle for the national campaign."

The source said Pangilinan was not comfortable with the idea that he was being drafted by UNO just to complete its senatorial slate.

"He does not like some people in UNO and does not want to campaign for others in the ticket," the source said. "He knows that in the end, he will also be junked."

In the case of Villar, a real estate magnate and the wealthiest among the four senators, the source said the decision to go solo was not difficult to make.

In the last senatorial election, Villar first ran as an independent but was later adopted by the administration as a guest candidate.

"Of the senatorial aspirants, it's going to be Villar who would not hesitate to spend the most for his reelection," the source said, adding that Villar needed to retain the post of Senate president for his planned run for the presidency in 2010.

Only temporary

Villar himself hinted at the possibility of the Wednesday Group members each striking out on his own.

Speaking yesterday on Vice President Noli de Castro's radio program, "Para Sa Iyo, Bayan," Villar said the group members would make public their final decision today and file their certificates of candidacy tomorrow.

"All I can say is that whatever happens, the group will not be broken. While we can't say that for certain in the coming elections, whatever separation will be temporary," he said in Filipino.

In an interview with the INQUIRER, De Castro said he was resigned to the fact that all four of his friends would not be able to run under one senatorial ticket.

But he said he would actively campaign for each of them in all his speaking engagements to ensure their victory.

Muslim vote

In Iligan City, Lanao del Norte Gov. Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo said the delay in the completion of Team Unity's senatorial slate could be due to Ms Arroyo's determination to court the so-called Muslim vote.

Dimaporo, a close ally of the President, told the INQUIRER that the administration was keen on having a candidate who could "effectively deliver Muslim votes."

She said she was invited to join the slate "because they think I can tap the Muslims and also gather more Visayan votes" for Team Unity.

But she declined the offer.

Dimaporo belongs to the Quibranza family, an old political family in the province. She is married to Lanao del Norte Rep. Abdullah Dimaporo, the current chair of Lakas in Central Mindanao and a member of the powerful Commission on Appointments.

"I was flattered to be drafted because many others are lining up to seek it. But it's quite costly to run a senatorial campaign," she said.

Dimaporo also said that while the focus of the administration's preparations was its senatorial lineup, it was also eager for its candidates' victory in the congressional elections.

She said the President also wanted local political leaders to fully support Team Unity.

In the past, local political leaders allied with the administration were given leeway to pick their senatorial candidates.

"It has changed now with this political directive," Dimaporo said. *With reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. in Manila; Ryan Rosauro, Inquirer Mindanao*

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Angara: Amid tug-of-war, let's unite for the nation

SENATOR EDGARDO J. ANGARA HAS called for national unity and reconciliation amid the highly charged political tug-of-war, and urged national leaders to look beyond partisan politics.

Addressing the national officers of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) party during its national executive council meeting, the LDP president urged his party mates to join in moving the country forward, rather than becoming the cause of deeper political divisiveness.

"Let us show the nation that we can be united, not only in pork barrel, but more importantly, in providing a brighter future for each and every Filipino. Leaders must come together not necessarily because they like each other, but because they stand on common principle and fight for common values. We, as politicians and leaders, must show them that we have a common vision, a solid platform of government to offer our people," Angara said in a press statement.

On Wednesday, Angara accepted the offer of President Macapagal-Arroyo to join the administration's Team Unity, joining former LDP party mates former Senators Vicente Sotto III and Tessie Aquino-Oreta in the administration coalition.

But Angara promised to stay with the LDP and continue to maintain his independence.

"I am not switching political affiliations. I shall continue to be and remain in LDP, the only political party I joined during my entire political career. I am joining a unity ticket where people of different opinions come together for the sake of national progress and unity," Angara said.

He added, "Politics is deteriorating, stuck in hate and negativism, which I reject. Politics should be relevant to the lives of people. We should not be seen as a destructive force, which in fact has caused the people's wide mistrust of politicians."

"What we need are serious and meaningful legislation which can only be achieved through consensus—lawmakers mature enough to strike productive bipartisanship," said Angara.

He stressed the need for a consensual rather than confrontational, and constructive rather than destructive, brand of politics in order to successfully push for reforms. As the longest-serving legislator, Angara was responsible for numerous major reform laws in education, health, rural development, social welfare, good governance, economics and finance, and arts and culture.

While joining the administration ticket, Angara said he remained committed to pursuing more initiatives that would help move the country forward. He said he joined the unity coalition on the clear understanding that key programs in social expenditures, education, health, infrastructure, agricultural modernization, jobs-creation and environmental protection will be the priority.

THEM, TOO: Adrian Sison, ex-VFA Commissioner Zosimo Paredes and Dr. Martin Bautista are running for the Senate under Ang Kapatiran party. RUDY ESPERAS

PALACE PET, Rep. Prospero Pichay, waves to supporters. RUDY ESPERAS

GAILY, GAILY goes Danton Remoto, chair of Ang Ladlad party, to file his bid for a Senate seat. RUDY ESPERAS

'THIS IS IT'

Pichay leads new batch of candidates

By Jerome Aning

SURIGAO DEL SUR REP. PROSPERO PICHAY, a staunch ally of the administration, yesterday filed his certificate of candidacy for senator.

Pichay is the second administration candidate to file his candidacy, after Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri.

Both are running under the ruling Lakas-CMD.

"This is it, there's no turning back," Pichay told reporters after emerging from the law department of the Commission on Elections in Manila.

Earlier in the day, gay rights activist Danton Remoto and former undersecretary Zosimo Paredes also filed their candidacies for senator.

Pichay was accompanied by his brother and about 100 supporters wearing shirts printed with the words "Pro-Pinoy." His entourage included chess grandmasters Mark Paragua, Nelson Mariano and Joey Antonio and other members of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines.

The three-term congressman said he had decided to file his certificate early because "you can never tell what's going to happen" on Feb. 12, the last day for filing.

"What if you get stuck in heavy traffic, or suddenly get sick?" he said.

Dismay

Pichay took the chance to express dismay that Team Unity appeared to be sacrificing its principles with the inclusion of opposition politicians Tessie Aquino-Oreta and Vicente "Tito" Sotto III, both former senators.

He said he had no personal issues with Oreta and Sotto but expressed the belief that candidates switching parties would ultimately lose in the elections, even if they had led in surveys.

Nevertheless, Pichay said the administration coalition remained "solid as ever" and would "work hard for the victory of its candidates."

Pichay also said that as far as he knew, there would be no actors in the Team Unity senatorial lineup.

He said Richard Gomez and Cesar Montano were "never considered from the very beginning."

Gay pride

With his party-list group Ang Ladlad still unable to get accreditation from the Comelec to participate in the May elections, Danton Remoto decided to run for senator instead.

Wearing a pink barong, the 43-year-old Remoto filed his certificate as an independent candidate at around 10 a.m.

He told reporters that he would run "to give voters a voice," adding that his platform would be "education and human rights for all."

Ang Ladlad, which seeks to represent the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Filipinos, has been waiting for its accreditation to be able to run for a seat in the House of Representatives.

"I'm running for the Senate because I don't want the issue of LGBT advocacy to die," Remoto said. "In politics, as in life, absence does not make the heart grow fonder."

Remoto, who teaches at Ateneo de Manila University, said he would also push for the ouster of President Macapagal-Arroyo—actually one of Ang Ladlad's platforms.

"Truth and consequence are my points for the removal of the President," he said, citing surveys showing that Ang Ladlad was strong because of its stand against the administration and its policies.

"Only God knows," Remoto said after he was asked when he thought the Comelec would approve the group's accreditation.

He said he was positive about his chances of winning given Ang Ladlad's 16,000 members and the support of about four million Filipinos belonging to the LGBT community.

Tomorrow is the deadline for party-list groups to file their manifestation of intent to participate in the May elections.

Ang Kapatiran

Zosimo Paredes will be running under the political party Ang Kapatiran (The Brotherhood). He was accompanied by his party mates, lawyer Adrian Sison and Dr. Martin Bautista, who will also be running for senator.

Paredes used to head the government panel that oversaw implementation of the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement.

He was fired by the President because of his public disagreement with the way the executive branch returned convicted rapist US Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith to American custody even without a court order.

While acknowledging that their chances of winning looked like a long shot, Paredes, Bautista and Sison said their party would provide an alternative to people fed up with traditional politics.

Palace still hoping Pinay will be freed

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

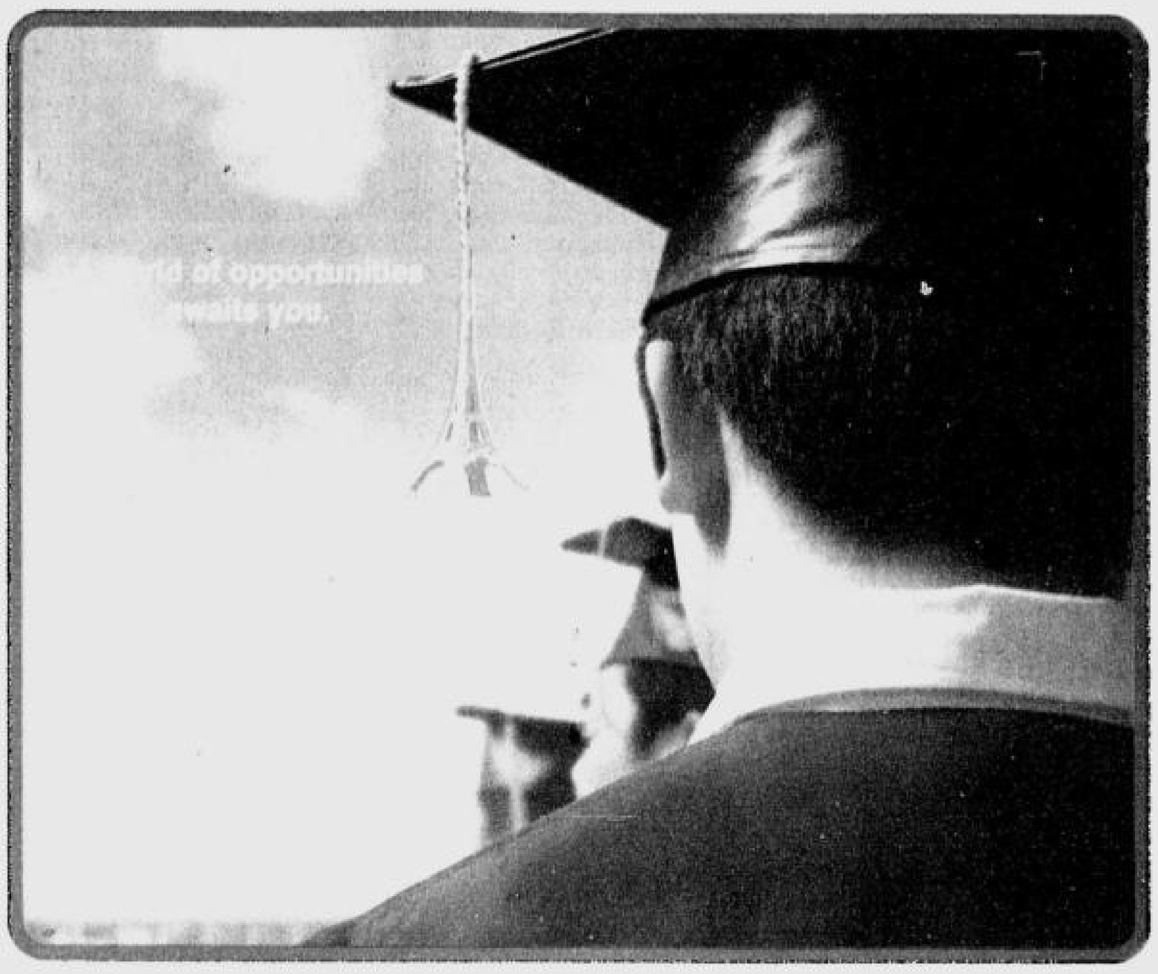
MALACAÑANG SAID YESTERDAY it remained optimistic of successfully negotiating the release of Filipino hostages in Nigeria.

"We assure families of the victims that the government is on top of the situation and our best efforts are being exerted to ensure that all will be taken out of harm's way," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

No scenario of despair

"Let us not engage in speculation and scenarios of despair. We are dealing with this incident systematically and with sensitivity and we are hopeful that a favorable outcome will be well within reach," Bunye added.

Twenty-six Filipinos have been abducted by gunmen in oil-rich Nigeria during the past two months. They include 24 seamen, an engineer and Josiebeth Foroozan, a Filipino married to an Iranian businessman. The seamen were the crew of the German-listed cargo vessel Baco-Liner II who have been held captive by militants since Jan. 20.



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Jolo's 'highway of death' now a road of hope

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and dangerous road now boasts of houses where, at night, in scenes never seen before, families gather around television sets.

No longer ghost town

"Patikul is not a ghost town anymore," Marine Brig. Gen. Juancho Sabban told the INQUIRER.

In September, Sabban's troops scored one of their biggest successes by killing Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani in a gunfight in a remote village, leaving the bandit group without a leader.

Surprises

Now, the Highway of Death has become a source of life, boasting of communities enriched with basic services, like water, electricity, public education and medical assistance.

More surprises await the visitor.

After sundown, the plaza across from the provincial capitol blooms with colored lights, pop music from a sound system and two fountains.

The imposing, mosque-inspired, all-white capitol serves as a backdrop to the Jolo wonderland.

Children at play

At daytime, children play on a see-saw, or romp around a swing and other playground equipment, even a skating rink.

The wide road has become the perfect venue for teenagers taking driving lessons.

An open-air café serves native pastries, such as pastil and junay to go with soda, tea or coffee.

Entrepreneur Nida Sale, 45, who owns one of the cafés, said she earns as much as P3,000 on weekdays, and P4,000 on Saturday nights, when the plaza stays lighted until near midnight.

"That's net income. Besides, I don't pay rent for the space. The governor has given it for free," Sale said.

Changing the image

"Our goal is to remove the image of Sulu as a dangerous place," Gov. Benjamin Loong said, explaining his vision for the province.

Since his election as governor in 2004, Loong has been leading a campaign to erase Sulu's reputation as the "kidnapping capital," earned following the 2000 kidnapping by the Abu Sayyaf of 21 mostly foreign tourists from a diving resort on Sipadan Island in Malaysia.

A year after, the Abu Sayyaf also kidnapped American missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham and 18 others from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan.

By 2002, US Special Forces had entered the fight, taking active part in efforts to recover the hostages and crush the Abu Sayyaf.

The presence of the Americans seemed to appeal to the local Muslims.

At a medical mission in Latih Elementary School along Danag Road, about 10 American troopers, including a Fil-Am who spoke fluent Filipino, and a Spanish-American who understood Chavacano, mingled freely with the residents.

Sgt. Tim Meyer, spokesperson for the Americans under the Joint Special Operations Task Forces, maintained the US troops were there strictly for non-combat operations.

"There are a lot of people who do not want us here, that's why they make up stories (that we are involved in combat)," Meyer said.

"This is still about winning hearts and minds, but we are bolder in the sense that we go for the personal touch," Sabban said.

Matchbooks, bottled water

Entertainment is part of the day-long activities in town.

While waiting for their turn at the dental clinic, children and adults watch the film "The Message: The Story of Islam," a Hollywood production starring Anthony Quinn and Irene Papas. The film had been dubbed in Tausug.

Filipino soldiers distribute posters, comic books about how it is to live life in peace, and matchbooks with the pictures of wanted terrorists Dulmatin (reward: P550 million) and Jainal Antel Sali Jr. (reward: P275 million).

Also printed on the matchbooks are telephone numbers to call or send text messages to for free in case of sightings of either of the two terrorists.

Last year, the troops distributed bottled water with a picture of Janjalani and telephone numbers to call pasted on the label.

Welcome to cyberspace

The US presence is also felt in the so-called enclaves of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), the Muslim group that signed a peace deal with Manila in 1996.

At the Panamao National High School, teenagers crowd around 10 computer units as they receive basic lessons on the new technology and access to the Internet via a satellite provided by the US troops.

In Luuk town, about 50 km from here, carpenters put the finishing touches on two school buildings funded by the US government. The town's five-year development program includes a fishport, a cold storage and a well-lit boulevard similar to the Baywalk in Manila.

Tres Palmas

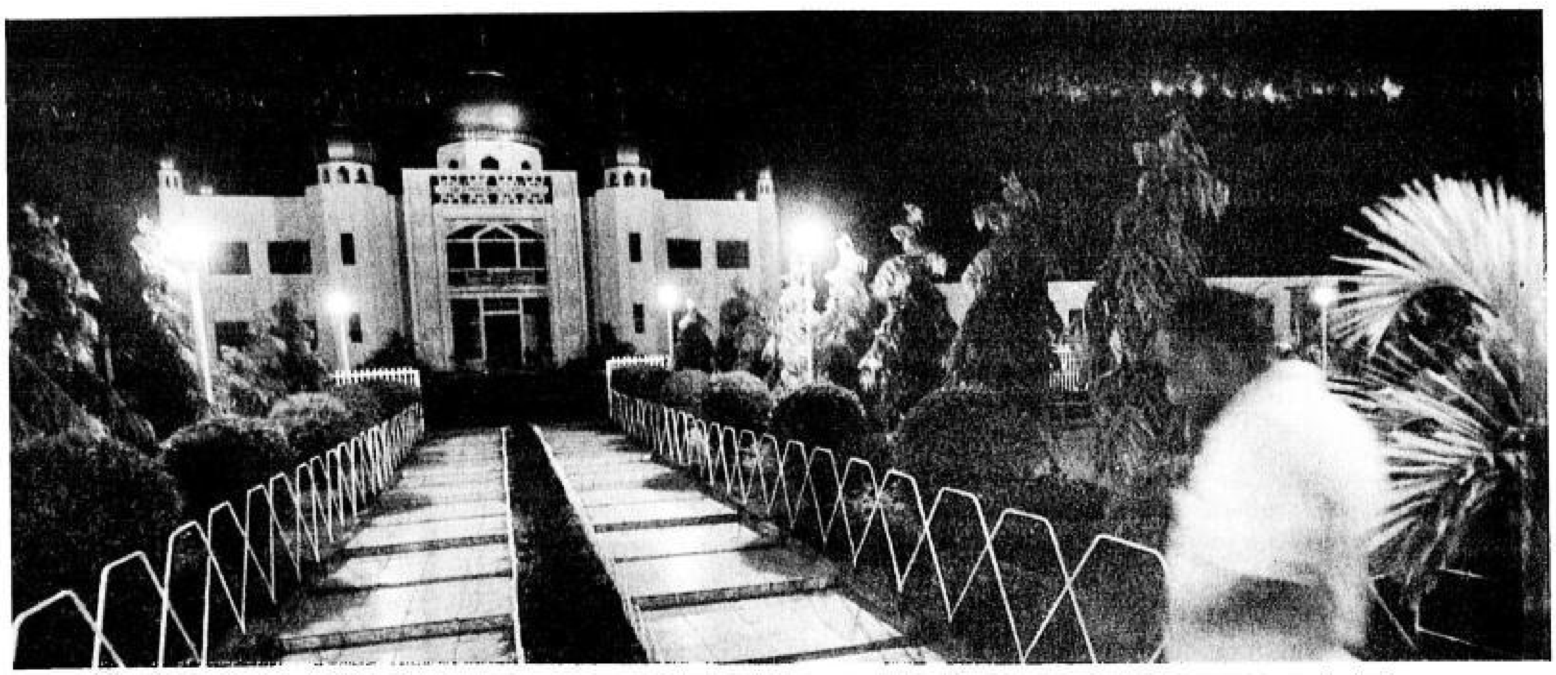
Reinventing Sulu's so-called blood-soaked beaches—a label earned for the numerous battles that had taken place on the beaches since the Spanish colonization—and promoting the area as a tourist haven may yet provide the ultimate makeover for the island province.

Already, the Marines have developed a resort they have dubbed Tres Palmas, after the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan, where the Burnhams and their companions were snatched by the Abu Sayyaf group six years ago.

Like its counterpart in Palawan, Tres Palmas has a boardwalk that leads to a hut in the middle of the water.

The Marines have dubbed sections of the beach "Boracay" and "Dakak," after the country's famous beach resorts frequented by tourists.

The message is clear: With peace and development, Sulu has what it takes to be at par with the world's best places.



LIFE AFTER DARK: The plaza across from the provincial capitol lights up to the rhythms of pop music and the soothing splash of two fountains. The all-white domed capitol is the backdrop to a nearly magical night in Jolo.

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ALVAREZ ON PICOP

The Supreme Court said "so glaring evidences of PICOP's non-compliance with the requirements of conversion the court should not condone such blatant disregard by those who believe they are above the law because of their sizeable investment and significant number of workers employed."

The SUPREME COURT upheld on Nov. 29, 2006 the decision of Sec. HEHERSON ALVAREZ in removing 75,000 hectares from PICOP logging concession due to its failure to abide with conversion rules and non-payment of P165 million in charges.

Signing of the "Manila Declaration" with Asia-Pacific Ministers, Manila Hotel, 1995

We condemn the demolition efforts against Alvarez whose courageous decision against PICOP, upheld by no less than the High Court, shows a grasp of the need for environmental self-defense and security. 75,000 hectares is "carbon sink" and watershed, vital shield to protect us.

February 1995 *- before the whole world took global warming very seriously - Alvarez convened the First Asia Pacific Leaders Conference on Climate Change (ASPAC-LCCC) in Manila. The ASPAC-LCCC was participated in by 29 Asia Pacific nations and addressed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan,* ***Pres. Fidel Ramos****, the President of Vanuatu and leading environment scientists, thru the auspices of the* ***United Nations Environmental Program.*** *That Asia-Pacific* ***Climate Change*** *Conference aroused in our people, the government and the media a grave concern on the catastrophic consequences of* ***global warming*** *and* ***climate change, especially*** *to small island-nations like ours. The resulting Manila Declaration was presented at the conference of parties in Berlin in* ***March 1995.*** *Its conclusions were submitted by the* ***Philippine delegation, led by Alvarez, to the Kyoto Protocol conference in Japan in December, 1997,*** *and became part of its deliberations. That Asia-Pacific Conference mobilized the Executive and our bureaucracy to the grave challenges of global warming.*

Peaceful solution to Mt. Diwalwal with Rep. Manuel Zamora and small-scale miners, It ended the 20-year bloodshed.

Alvarez's detractors question his motives. But his decisions show a vision of environmental protection consistent with his policy leadership:

1992 As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment, he authored the ***National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS),*** *the umbrella law that protects our forests and wildlife.*

1993 He negotiated for over 3 years with the oil companies for the ***Healthy Air Pact*** *that brought about the removal of lead from gasoline and the reduction of sulfur. A year later he crafted the* ***Clean Air Act*** *that addresses air pollution.*

2002 **Diwalwal, A Mountain of Gold**

Diwalwal is a mountain that yielded P4-P5 billion of gold a year, and discovered by Mandaya Tribesmen, led by Chieftain Camilo Banad in Sept. 23, 1983. Since then, however, Diwalwal became a festering social wound of greed, power and violence in the conflict between small and huge interests, the lowly and the mighty, where at least 6,000 perished, including a judge and a mayor who were assassinated.

This picture changed when Alvarez proposed, and a DECISIVE **PRESIDENT ARROYO** *signed* ***Proclamation 297 Declaring Diwalwal a Mineral Reservation*** *under the management of the DENR Secretary. Alvarez organized cooperatives that included indigenous groups, and a 85%-15% sharing scheme favoring small miners. It addressed pollution through the Mabatas Dam. For the first time government collected taxes and unabated violence stopped. It established the ancestral claims of minorities and the rights of small-scale miners over the claim of PICOP's sister co., Southeast Mindanao (SEM) Gold Mining Corp.* ***On June 23, 2006, the Supreme Court denied SEM's claim over the whole Diwalwal.***

PRES. ARROYO *called* ***the Alvarez formula for Diwalwal*** *"a crowning glory of service as DENR Secretary." Cong. Manuel "Way Kurat" Zamora of Diwalwal lauded his efforts "... to democratize wealth, create a middle class, mitigate the harm done to the environment."*

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Alvarez's protection of the rights of minorities and small miners has been consistent with a well-informed and enduring defense of our environment, OUR FUTURE... We salute him!

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Suspected bird flu carrier from Japan lands in Sorsogon

By Bobby Q. Labalan
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SORSOGON CITY—THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY Office has alerted local officials here Thursday to be on the look-out for possible avian flu-infected birds following the discovery of a heron which had tags that indicated it had come from Japan.

Dr. Enrique Espiritu, provincial veterinarian, said the bird was found by a farmer in Prieto-Diaz town which is frequented by migratory birds because of its vast mangrove swamp.

The town is included in the bird-flu watch list.

Espiritu said herons, being wild, were normally difficult to capture.

He said the bird that flew in was very weak and appeared to be sick when found by the farmer who turned it over to Mayor Benito Doma.

Doma ordered the bird's immediate disposal.

Espiritu, however, said Doma should have detached the tags from the bird before it was buried as this could have helped determine more things about its background.

Alarmed by the incident, Gov. Raul Lee called for a meeting of all municipal mayors and provincial health officials on Tuesday to discuss the monitoring of migratory birds to prevent the entry of bird-flu into the country

During the last two months, there have been new outbreaks of the H5N1 avian influenza virus in Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, China, Thailand, Egypt, Hungary, Nigeria and Britain—and a new outbreak was reported in Turkey, according to The Associated Press.

Lee said he had created a bird flu task force and it would be immediately mobilized to prevent the entry of the killer flu.

A team from the World Health Organization, meanwhile, was expected to visit Prieto-Diaz to check on the report.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, February 11, 2007
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-6

Trust in the Lord

This is what Yahweh says, "Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings and depends on a mortal for his life, while his heart is drawn away from Yahweh! He is like a bunch of thistles in dry land, in parched desert places, in a salt land where no one lives and who never finds happiness.

"Blessed is the man who puts his trust in Yahweh and whose confidence is in him! He is like a tree planted by the water, sending out its roots towards the stream.

"He has no fear when the heat comes, his leaves are always green; the year of drought is no problem and he can always bear fruit."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain.

If Christ is preached as risen from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith gives you nothing, and you are still in sin. Also those who fall asleep in Christ are lost. If it is only for this life that we hope in Christ, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But no, Christ has been raised from the dead and he comes before all those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.

Coming down the hill with them, Jesus stood on a level place. Many of his disciples were there and a large crowd of people who had come from all parts of Judea and Jerusalem and from the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon.

Then looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Fortunate are you who are poor, the kingdom of God is yours.

Fortunate are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Fortunate are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Fortunate are you when people hate you, when they reject you and insult you and number you among criminals, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. Remember that is how the ancestors of this people treated the prophets.

But alas for you who have wealth, for you have been comforted now.

Alas for you who are full, for you will go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Alas for you when people speak well of you, for that is how the ancestors of these people treated the false prophets."

Commentary

We are called to choose which we will be: the one who stands in the waste, trusting the world and its peoples, or the one who trusts in God and is planted along running waters, bearing fruit in every season. Choose! We choose Christ risen from the dead because by baptism, we now know the fruits of resurrection. Jesus teaches us how to live the life of resurrection in the 4 blessings and the 4 woes, reminding us that it is the poor, those who hunger and weep, and those who are persecuted for the gospel who know the Kingdom and the presence of God so strongly; and that those who play the world and are rich, satisfied, foolish, those who persecute others, listening only to false prophets who tell them what they want to hear, are far from God and the Kingdom—standing in the waste. Choose! And we must choose together.

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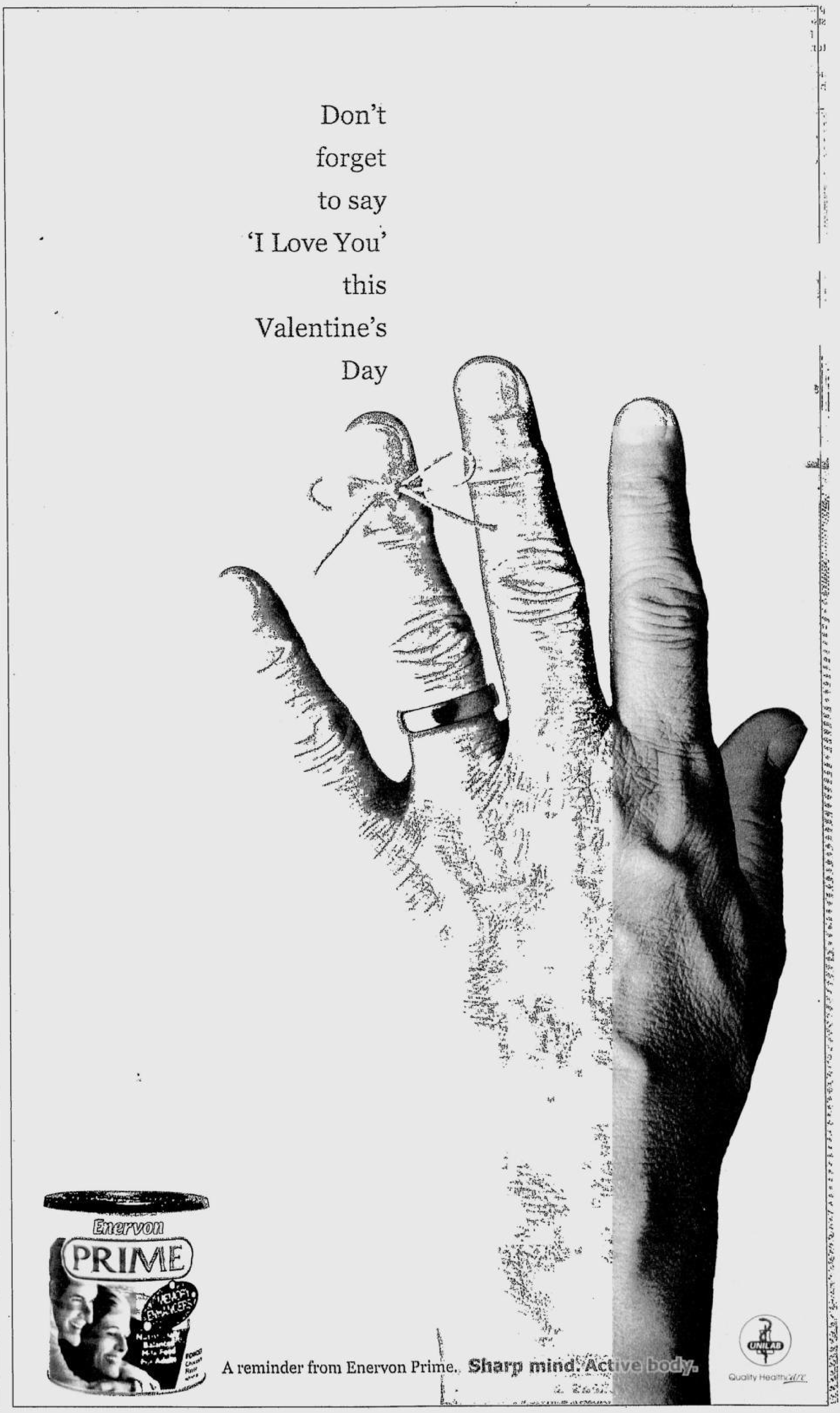

For first time since 2000, foreign tourists return to Zamboanga

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—SOME 800 foreigners, most of them Germans, arrived here yesterday for a visit on board the MS Albatross, a cruise ship, Mayor Celso Lobregat said.

Lobregat said the ship docked here for only 16 hours but its arrival served to greatly boost the city's image and economy.

The city has been suffering perception problems regarding law and order because of recent attacks perpetrated by terrorists.

It is also close to Basilan and Sulu, which are known strongholds of the Abu Sayyaf terror group.

This had caused many foreigners to stay away because of the high-profile kidnappings, including of Westerners, that the Abu Sayyaf had pulled off in recent years.

The last vessel carrying foreign tourists docked here in 2000.

"They may have been here for 16 hours only but their presence was enough to show the world that Zamboanga is a peaceful place," Lobregat said.

Jutta Kraft of Hanover, Germany, said she was happy to be in Zamboanga but added that she was a bit dismayed because of the weather.

"I feel bad because it is drizzling. But this experience is something new," she said.

Asked if she had heard of the Abu Sayyaf, Kraft said: "I have no idea. I am just excited to see the local folks, the islands and the warm smiles."

Like the majority of those who joined the cruise, which started in Monaco in September last year, Kraft was retired from her job.

Local authorities said they provided adequate security to the tourists.

Edward Baylon, a customs security officer here, said soldiers and policemen were deployed to provide security to the tourists while they were in the city.

Vladimir, a Ukrainian serving as one of the ship's security personnel and who did not provide a last name, said their next destination was Sulawesi in Indonesia.

He said the MS Albatross would be docking back in Monaco on May 5.

Educators can learn from DVD pirates

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Most DVD pirates access movies through the Internet, so the same underground traders could be tapped to replicate information material for distribution through the same network.

The company, which sells "hyperclassroom" accounts, hopes to convince teachers that IT has made education affordable for a new generation.

Hyperclassrooms allow teachers to give assignments through blogs (web logs), transmit lectures through video or audio streaming and respond to questions posted on the Internet by opening a lecture chat room or by distributing video and audio compact discs.

The technology also allows teachers to explore other learning areas such as online tutorial services or even open an online school, he said.

ThinkLab offers teachers the web space for P200 a month, "but we are thinking of a way to eventually give it for free," according to Soriano.

Students can access the classrooms at Internet shops for P15 an hour.

Hyperclassrooms

Hyperclassrooms are administered by Neoversity, an online firm affiliated with ThinkLab.

Wilfred Manuela, a University of the Philippines-Baguio management professor, signed up for a hyperclassroom so he could transmit lectures to his students in Cagayan.

Soriano, who taught management courses at the Ateneo de Manila University, said technology could solve Baguio's classroom shortage.

Many public high schools here hold classes in shifts to accommodate the huge volume of students enrolled per semester.

Learning blogs

Soriano said teachers could augment teaching time by posting lectures on their blogs. The actual time spent in classrooms could be used to discuss the day's lessons.

"That's already 50 percent additional classroom time," he said.

The project is part of a growing advocacy to use technology to educate more people. There is a movement abroad that wants schools to upload all their studies and materials on the web as "open sources."

An open source refers to data which everyone can access for free on the Internet.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) paved the way with its OpenCourseWare. This allowed materials used in the teaching of almost all the undergraduate and graduate subjects taught at MIT available on the web, free of charge, to any user, anywhere in the world.

According to Soriano, no university or research facility in the Philippines has followed MIT's lead yet.

Think Internet

Technology has evolved at such a remarkable pace, the cost of using the Internet in the Philippines has dropped.

Schools like the University of the Philippines and Ateneo now offer online courses, adapting the correspondence school concept of the 1950s and distance education of the 1980s to the Internet.

According to Soriano, ThinkLab's priority is to get more teachers and students to conduct lessons "outside the brick-and-mortar classroom system."

"Too many good courses die because of the classroom system. We introduced this concept to Easter College [here] and they told us they had to give up a unique course on indigenous law because they could not get enough students to enroll in the course," he said. "But the Internet can help teachers revive these courses."

He cited the case of a UP professor who relocated abroad to teach, only to return home recently "with her whole class."

"She sends lectures to her class through the Internet, so she does not miss class hours," Soriano said.

More DVDs than computers

He said studies showed that students respond better to lessons aided by graphic or aural medium, which the Internet offers.

"People are just more detached when communicating through the written word, but they are more spontaneous when instructions are read out or shown," Soriano said.

Teachers need not rely solely on the web because even the poorest communities have access to technology.

Statistics show that there are more households that own DVD players than computers—resources which teachers could explore to reach out to more students.

Teachers serving the "*tsinelas* (slippers) crowd," a reference to poor urban communities, could use the "*tsinelas*-net (network)" of distribution by giving lectures in DVD format, Soriano said.

Say it ain't so, Manny, fans implore Pacquiao

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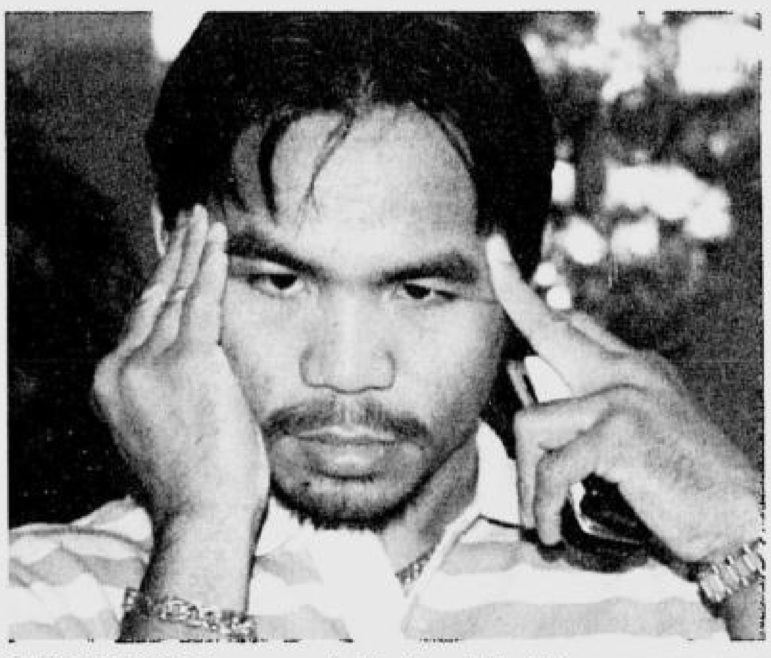

OVERWHELMED by a wave of objections in the Net EDWIN BACASMAS

into the political arena. But fight fans are burning Internet message boards imploring Pacquiao not to run for public office.

The dismay, if not outrage, is unmistakable in websites like boxingconfidential.com, which has been closely following the Pacquiao ring triumphs and his inexplicable venture into local politics.

"Boxing is a decent job and politics is a dirty thing. Pacman's glory will end," wrote one angry fan, commenting on an article on Pacquiao's April ring date with Mexican featherweight champion Jorge Solis.

He went on, blaming Pacquiao's handlers, saying they "only care about themselves."

Some fans appeared to have started rooting for the relatively unknown Solis, who carries an unblemished 32-win record to go with 23 knockouts.

One comment predicted a Solis victory simply because Pacquiao—though widely considered as the best fighter in the world regardless of weight class—would be too busy on the campaign trail.

"Pacquiao will not train hard, thinking that his opponent is a patsy," one reader wrote. "He will focus more on getting elected mayor."

In the forum of philboxing.com, one blogger suggested that Pacquiao fans sign a petition which would read: "Manny, please don't run for public office! The entire nation loves you for being our greatest boxer!"

Too late

But the appeals came too late. Pacquiao formally threw his hat into the political ring when he took his oath as a member of the Liberal Party faction of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza at City Hall last Friday.

He, however, claimed he had yet to make up his mind on whether he would run for congressman or mayor of General Santos City.

Boxingconfidential's Michael Marley posted on Friday what appeared to be Pacquiao's speech announcing his mayoral bid.

The mock speech began: "I do not ask what you can do for Mayor Manny. Rather, I ask what Mayor Manny can do for you."

"As you know, I spend many of my waking hours drinking beer, San Miguel only if you please barkeep, and playing pool. One of my campaign promises is free beer all over GenSan on election day, but only until you vote," Marley wrote, ostensibly drawing from Pacquiao's widely reported extracurricular activities outside the ring.

"As an inspiration to the youth of the city, I will travel far and wide after the election, giving our impressionable youngsters lessons in karaoke and in dropping the nine-ball in the side pocket," the fictitious speech continued.

Focus on fight

Pacquiao, however, said his decision to join politics would not affect his boxing career—not even his fight against Solis scheduled in April in San Antonio, Texas.

Atienza said he advised Pacquiao, an adopted son of the city of Manila, to concentrate on his coming bout with Solis.

"I told him that after his fight, he still has a month to campaign," the mayor added. "Anyway, he's a national figure, the people already know him."

Atienza said he advised Pacquiao "to continue to pray for guidance and discernment."

"He is a very prayerful person and I'm sure he will follow whatever the Lord will tell him to do," he said.

Boxer forever

Pacquiao had earlier expressed his intention to run under the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi), President Macapagal-Arroyo's party, but changed his mind at the last minute.

"*Baka isipin ng mga tao na si* Ma'am Arroyo *ang nagtulak sa akin na tumakbo kung susumpa ako sa* Kampi (People might think that President Macapagal-Arroyo convinced me to run if I join Kampi ...)," Pacquiao said in an interview over GMA 7's "24 Oras."

He stressed that he would stay with the sport which has given him fame and fortune. "*Hindi ko makakalimutan ang pagbo*-boxing (I will never forget boxing)."

Athletes' party-list

Other athletes have thrown their hats in the political ring.

Leaders of the Puwersa ng Bayaning Atleta, including former Philippine Basketball Association players Chris Bollado, Ronald Magtulis, Terry Saldaña and Marwin Castelo, filed their manifestation to participate in the election as a party-list group.

Their nominees for a seat in the House of Representatives include former PBA players Alvin Patrimonio and Jerry Codiñera.

The group's spokesperson, Orly Castelo, said the group was also wooing Pacquiao to be one of their nominees.

This was before the group found out that Pacquiao had been sworn in as a member of the Atienza-led Liberal Party faction.

No bench-warmers

Castelo said the group, if it wins a seat in the House, would be the voice of the athletes who are often neglected by the government.

"We want athletes to have direct representation in Congress so our appeals for funding and other needs would not have to pass through committees and various sports bodies," he said.

Aside from proper compensation and benefits for the athletes, Castelo said their group would also push for the putting up of a hospital for athletes that would give them a 20-percent discount on their medicines.

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Chinoy group helping Sino fishers

A CHINESE-FILIPINO community organization has come to the defense of a group of 24 Chinese fishermen who have been charged in court for alleged illegal fishing in Philippine waters.

The Tulay Foundation has provided at least two Filipino lawyers for the Hong Kong-based fishing crew led by the Capt. Kwok Tai Hay, in the criminal case lodged before the Puerto Princesa Regional Trial Court in Palawan.

"We do this for them (Chinese) in the same way we provide legal assistance to Filipino workers detained in mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan," said Ramon Posadas, the foundation's legal counsel who serves as the Manila-based lawyer of the accused fishermen.

Posadas said Tulay had tapped lawyer Arnel Venturillo to be his cocounsel based in Palawan.

The Chinese fishermen have each posted P50,000 bail in connection with the charges filed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources which accused them of illegal fishing in Philippine waters on Oct. 21 last year.

They were intercepted by elements of the BFAR and the Philippine Coast Guard allegedly after their vessel crossed into Philippine waters 31.3 nautical miles southeast of Mangsee Island, Balabac, Palawan, along the country's maritime border with Malaysia.

In a press conference last week, Posadas presented two of the fishermen—Captain Kwok and crew member Liu Yui Yong—who accused the arresting party of stealing valuable personal items from their boat, dismantling its six engines and using up its fuel.

During the conference, Posadas also presented a potential "expert witness," Capt. Rodolfo Estampador, who would help prove—with maps and navigational calculations—that the Chinese fishermen were in Malaysian and not in Philippine territory when they were intercepted. *Volt Contreras*

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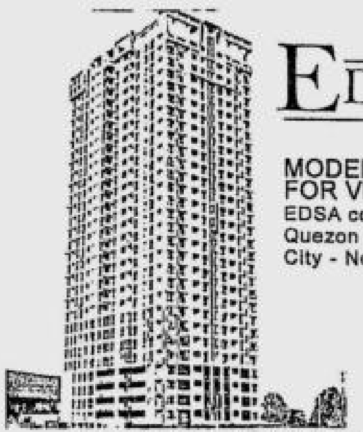

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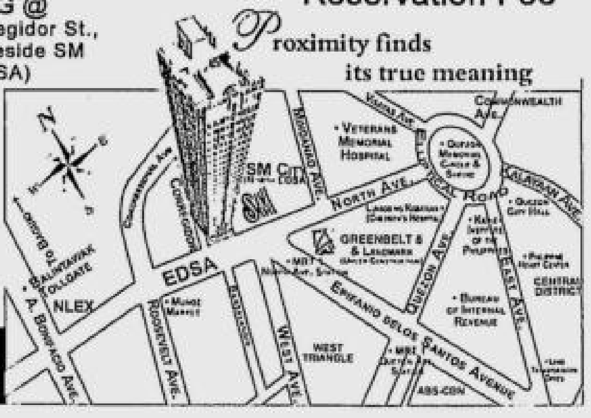

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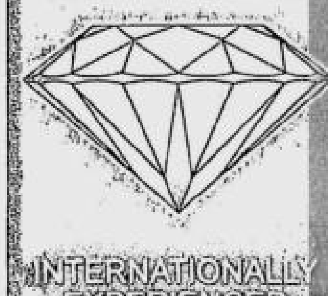

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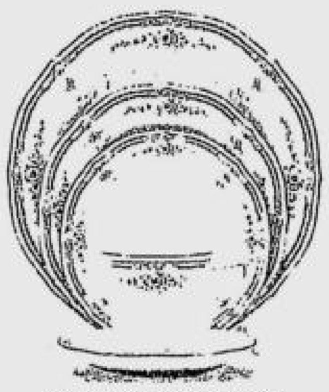

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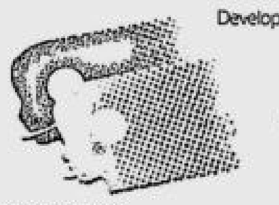

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Ransom

EDITORIAL

A RANSOM BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL as sickly-sweet. The unmistakable and overpowering stench of forced payments wafted out of the Moro National Liberation Front camp in Panamao, Sulu the other week, when the peace mission led by Brig. Gen. Ben Dolorfino (since promoted to two stars) was released from detention after the national government met the MNLF's two demands.

The first was a commitment to a definite schedule for a tripartite meeting between the government, the MNLF and the Organization of Islamic Conference. The second was the handing over of P450,000 in cash, ostensibly as financial assistance to the families of MNLF members mistakenly killed by the military.

We do not have anything against the principle of reasonable compensation for victims of misencounters, especially when it forms part of a whole package of confidence-building measures to benefit the peace process. But we wonder whether the circumstances of the peace mission's detention do not add up to another misencounter. Is this any way to build confidence?

The MNLF has, of course, denied that the cash was a ransom payment, or indeed that the unscheduled two-night sleep-over of the peace mission in Panamao was an abduction. "That is totally false, totally untrue information that General Dolorfino and his group [are being] held captive by the MNLF. That is totally false," MNLF spokesman Abdurahman Jamasali said. Dolorfino initially followed the same script while he was inside the MNLF camp, telling ABS-CBN, for example, that he was no hostage. "I'm OK. I'm not being held captive. We are treated as guests, my guards are not being disarmed."

He has since fine-tuned his answer. Speaking to reporters last Tuesday, outside the Commission on Appointments hearing, Dolorfino said: "In the strictest sense, we were [held] hostage because we were prevented from leaving. But there are other elements who say that we had [only] been hosted, since we were not disarmed, allowed to use our cell phones, and allowed to roam the camp." [The Marine general did not say he was himself one of those "other elements."]

Like Dolorfino, the Arroyo administration has also found a nuanced position on the mission's forced stay. Initially, Malacañang officials denied that there was in fact any hostage-taking. Now the Palace has determined that the best course of action is to shift the burden to the OIC, by asking the influential bloc to investigate the incident. "All these things will be brought to the attention of the OIC," Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita told reporters last week.

We do not share the idea of those who see the incident as proof that there is no negotiating with Muslims. The MNLF famously entered into a peace agreement with the government in 1996. By and large, that agreement has held, although a number of those who remain with the MNLF harbor a frustration and a sense of resentment over the lack of progress in parts of Muslim Mindanao. They (and their brothers in the Moro Islamic Liberation Front) should direct their frustration at MNLF founder and former Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao governor Nur Misuari, who bears much of the responsibility for the current disappointing state of affairs. But many other Moro leaders have proven themselves more than deserving of trust.

We also do not share the notion that Dolorfino, a Muslim convert with close ties to many Islamic communities, has compromised himself and should therefore be relieved of his responsibilities in the peace process. He remains an asset in the pursuit of dialogue, without which no ceasefire, no peace agreement, can turn into a lasting settlement.

But we agree with the view that the P450,000-payment amounts to a ransom. What else would you call a payment made under duress, a payment used as a necessary condition for setting a person (or 21 persons, in the case of the peace mission) finally free?

The payment undermines confidence in the remnant MNLF as a trustworthy partner in the peace process; the circumstances that led to it are a throwback to the dark days when only guns, and the ever-present threat to use them, could bring—tenuously, warily—two sides together.

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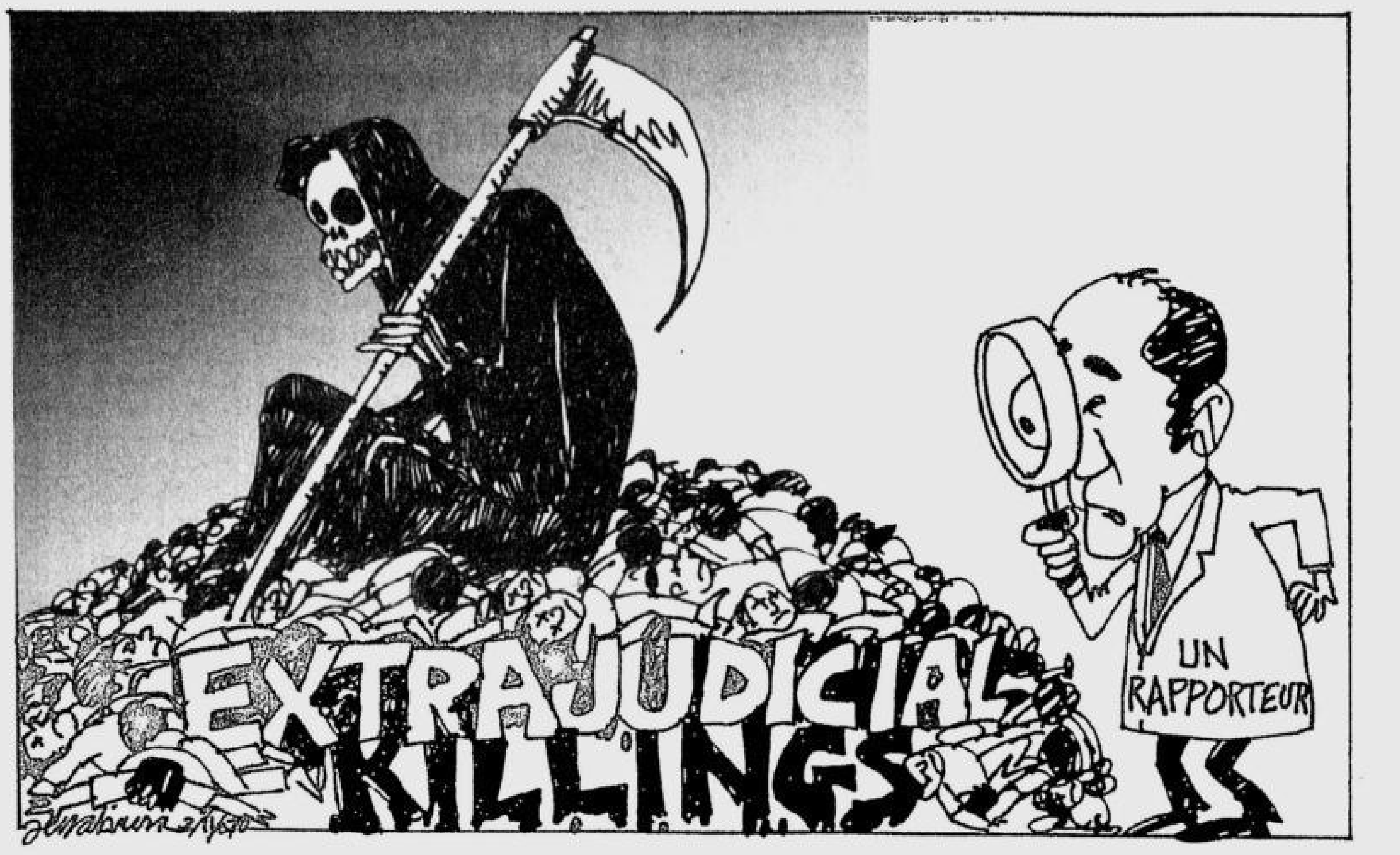

Our ill-starred Senate

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

SUSAN ROCES IS A TRULY ADMIRABLE LADY. She is not only a beautiful actress but, unlike many of her peers in the entertainment industry who have blemished their careers with immoral escapades and scandalous alliances, she was a faithful and devoted wife to Fernando Poe Jr.

After her husband's untimely death from a stroke probably caused by his defeat in the last presidential election as a result of massive poll irregularities, she has been keeping his memory alive not only in her heart but among his millions of movie fans and political supporters. They see in her a worthy more reserved and modest successor to their departed idol.

With her reputation and winning personality and—always, let us not forget, her loveliness—Susan Roces would be a shoo-in in any election. Some are already seriously suggesting that she run for the presidency of the Philippines that her late husband unsuccessfully sought in 2004. But 2010 is too far ahead and we may not even have a presidential system by that time. So they have more direct and early plans for her today.

In preparation for that higher office, her well-meaning supporters are programming a political career for her like many of her associates in show business. For starters, they suggested that she run this May for the Senate as a logical stepping stone to Malacañang three years from now. Not only her close friends and admirers did this. Professional politicians also urged her to run, but for ulterior motives. Her name would add prestige and popularity to their parties and make them win with her.

The circumspect Susan was not persuaded. The temptations of public office do not attract her. The opposition that organized and supported FPJ's campaign in 2004 and where many of her own friends are entrenched offered to include her in its senatorial slate, but she graciously declined. With so many other aspirants scrambling for their inclusion, she was not even flattered or impressed. Politics may be suited for many people but not for her.

I cannot quote her directly because I do not recall exactly what she said, but I remember the gist of it. She said thanks but no thanks, probably because she felt she was better off as an ordinary citizen, a happy wife before, and a still popular actress. Talents differ, said the Squirrel to the Mountain, as she might also have said to her fellow entertainers. Many of them will disagree.

The present list of candidates for the Senate this year is dismaying. That chamber already has three actors of questionable competence and presumptuousness. One is a passable horseman like a palabok cowboy from the canyons of Pampanga, another recently starred in a local movie when he should have attended to his legislative duties, and the third wrote the United Nations not to accept Ambassador Hilario Davide because he had not yet been confirmed by our Commission on Appointments. The diplomats in that cerebral body must be laughing at him and at us too, supposing we are like him.

And the administration is no less selective either. It has included in its "unity" ticket more of the same celluloid heroes to further cheapen the Upper House that used to be the prime legislative body in the country. There are enough inepts in the lower House and yet they are still threatening to add to the vod-a-vil in the Senate where once trod distinguished statesmen of our race. Reportedly, the new leading men from the box office seeking election to public office by their drooling fans are Richard Gomez, Eduardo Manzano and Cesar Montano

Winston Churchill once asked: "Can a nation remain healthy, can all nations draw together, in a world whose brightest stars are film stars?" He might have been talking of our stars except that they are far from "brightest."

Add to them the alleged artillery in the opposition—the "balato twins," a toilet comedian, a twice failed mayoralty aspirant relying on his fathers' name to win a nation-wide election. They and some others of like brassiness are polluting the legitimate credentials of Loren Legarda, Francis Escudero and incumbent (still unconnected?) Senators Joker Arroyo, Manuel Villar, Francis Pangilinan and Ralph Recto. And also Sonia Roco?

Back to Susan Roces, I applaud her for her level-headedness and wish her the best in her quiet private life. Joining the Senate would have only tarnished her respected and admired name.

Elusive dreams and schemes

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A MAN WHO searched for gold all his life. His one preoccupation and devotion was to accumulate more and more gold as he walked on, sacrificing his health, his family, his friends, his values, and even his very soul for precious, precious gold. When he died, St. Peter showed him the road to heaven. It was all paved with gold with the words: "That which you considered valuable and precious on earth is just asphalt here."

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Do you consider yourself so blessed and lucky because you are rich, and fulfilled and famous, and enjoying life to the max? Maybe you are, but maybe not, after all. In today's Gospel (Lk 6,17, 20-26) Jesus reminds us through the "Beatitudes" that you who enjoy worldly blessings now should be careful. You should not forget eternity, and you should not forget that you have a soul. And yes, there is God who sees it all.

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It is so easy to be misled and tricked by the evil one in this world. Try this puzzle: Henry's mother has five children, namely: 1) Chacha, 2) Cheche, 3) _____, 4) Chocho, 5) Chuchu. Who is the third? Chichi, right? Wrong. Henry of course. Let us all be vigilant so as not to follow all the lures and pleasures of this world. Make sure that you do not spend your whole life pursuing elusive dreams and schemes that are worthless and useless in the end.

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What a comfort to hear that those who suffer and work for righteousness will have their reward, and that no good deed is left unnoticed. In our present culture, where liars and cheats go unpunished, and where the moneyed can do just about anything and everything they want, it is so consoling to hear that God is on the side of the righteous, the poor and the oppressed. Yes, the evildoers will be exposed. Glory is not forever in this world. Goodness will triumph. True justice will be served. Amen!

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Today is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Today is also World Day for the Sick. Only God knows what sick people go through. It's a lonely and, often, a scary road, but the assurance is that God is on the road, every step of the way. It's a lonely but not a useless road because it is a road that leads to purification and salvation not only for the sick person but for his/her loved ones as well. It is "the road less traveled," but it is the road that can make all the difference in one's life.

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We take time today to thank all the people who are involved not only in the healing of, but also in the caring for, the sick. I salute the doctors who are very good in their profession. More so, I salute the doctors who see their profession as a vocation, and who see themselves as God's instruments of healing, and thus allow their hands to be used for free, and not always for a fee.

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Let the "Beatitudes" remind us too that the most simple, and even the hidden, acts of goodness will be rewarded. Let us thank God today for the caregivers, the prayer warriors, and the caring relatives and friends of the sick. The road is neither that lonely nor scary if there are fellow travelers on the road. There is always that lonely stretch which you and I have to travel all alone, but it is good to know that there are people who will always be there to cheer us on.

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No to global warming. Yes to "heart warming"! Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Make sure that you still have a heart, and that matters of the heart still matter to you. That's what the "Beatitudes" is all about—that you value in your heart the attitudes of the Kingdom of God over the attitudes of this world. What do you carry in your heart? Please make sure you are not just carrying asphalt.

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A moment with the Lord:

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Artemio V. Panganiban

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As keynote speaker, I proposed right off that every leader and every organization, big or small, must have a clear idea of what they ultimately want to accomplish, and of the specific ways to achieve the declared goals.

If one is embarking on a journey, one must have—prior to departure—a pre-selected destination, and a specific mode of how to get there. Airline passengers often hear their pilot announce the destination over the cabin audio system, and the specific route to reach it. So must every leader have a vision-mission.

I believe a vision-mission statement must be specific and quantifiable, not a mere collection of motherhood principles. It must also include core values that the person or organization stands for. Equally important, it must be achievable within a declared period.

In this manner, the leader commits to specific goals, values, methods and timetables. And the followers have general directions to guide them through. The leader's role is to inspire and motivate the followers to work unceasingly, to rise above their puny limitations, to excel beyond themselves, and to achieve collectively their loftiest dreams and highest aspirations.

George Patton once said that "wars may be fought with weapons but they are won by soldiers. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains victory." This is true not only in the military battlefield but in all human endeavors.

The INQUIRER and GMA7. I think the INQUIRER became, over a short period of time, the largest circulated daily simply because it has a clear vision: "To be the dominant, most respected and influential Philippine media organization for Filipinos here and abroad." This vision is complimented by its "mission" of being "a world-class processor of news and information." The INQUIRER consistently upholds its core values of excellence, integrity, editorial independence, responsibility, teamwork and dynamism.

GMA Network's vision is likewise unmistakable: "We are the most respected, undisputed leader in the Philippine broadcast industry and the recognized media innovator and pacesetter in Asia. We are the Filipinos' favorite network. We are the advertisers' preferred partner. We are the employer of choice in our industry. We provide the best returns to our shareholders. We are a key partner in promoting the best in the Filipino." GMA7's core values place "God above all."

The leaders (Marixi Prieto of the INQUIRER and Henry Gozon of GMA7) laid-out their unequivocal vision-mission statements and, together with their people, doggedly pursued them into fruition. That is why, after retiring from the judiciary, I am honored to have also been asked to join GMA7.

Leading by example. On his first day in office, the new chief executive of a huge Philippine company asked how many cars were assigned to his office. He was stunned to learn that there were more than five dozens. He retained only one and ordered the immediate sale of the remainder.

On his second day, an assistant visited his office with a big briefcase full of cash which, he was told, was his personal share of the commissions for the advertisements placed by his company in several media outlets. He ordered the assistant to deposit them officially in the company's bank account.

On his third day, he noticed that many of the executives under him arrived in their offices only about 10:00 a.m. Without commenting on the dismaying habits of his subordinates, he asked his secretary to make arrangements to bring him to office at 8 a.m. daily.

PLDT. In those early three days, Manuel V. Pangilinan led his subalterns in practising the prudent use of corporate assets, integrity in money matters and on-time office arrival. After a few years of leadership by example, the market worth of PLDT multiplied tenfold, and its corporate ethics, a hundred fold.

There are many ways to lead: by delivering motivational speeches, by sporting an iron fist, by dispensing patronage and by belonging to a dynasty. It helps to be a great orator and a financial wizard. Patting backs and rewarding good work have their uses. Charisma, media exposure, good looks, genes, science, passion, opportunity and greed have propelled many people to center stage but have failed to bring the desired results.

Committing to and aggressively pursuing a clear vision, mission and core values are an essential beginning. However, leading by example is the best, if not the only, way to accomplish the vision/mission.

Using visionary leadership by example, the INQUIRER, GMA7 and PLDT climbed to the top. So, can any organization. The Philippines can? Let the readers be the judge.

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Have we been eating GE rice?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

LAST YEAR, THE RICE-EATING, RICE-GROWING world—which counts over 100 rice-growing countries and over two billion rice eaters—was thrown into an uproar by two scandals involving GE (genetically-engineered) rice.

Field trials of GE rice in the United States and China were found to have contaminated the global rice supply—alarming news because, according to the Greenpeace report "Future of Rice," "There is evidence that the Chinese rice variety may be harmful to human health (while) there is not enough data to determine if the US rice is safe." When GE rice from the United States and China were found to have been surreptitiously imported into Europe and parts of Asia, "farmers, millers, traders and retailers around the globe (faced) massive financial costs, including testing and recall costs, cancelled orders, import bans, brand damage and consumer distrust that could last for years."

Already, says Greenpeace campaigner Von Hernandez, the European Union has restricted rice imports from the United States, while Vietnam and Thailand, the world's biggest exporters of rice, have announced their commitment to grow only GE-free rice. Greenpeace says that since the two countries account for more than half of all the rice traded in the world market today, their commitment to grow only GE-free rice "will put mounting pressure on other rice-producing nations to commit to a GE-free rice supply."

"At least three multi-million dollar class action lawsuits have been filed by farmers and traders seeking damages from Bayer CropScience, the company responsible for the US contamination," states the Greenpeace study. "The world's largest rice processor has already stopped buying US rice because of brand damage. In China, attempts by the Government to control the illegal sale and sowing of GE rice seeds have clearly failed. The contamination has spread like a plague across China and now into the global rice supply."

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"FUTURE of Rice" was written by Dr. Emilio Borromeo, who holds a doctorate in genetics, worked for IRRI and is now a freelance consultant on sustainable agriculture and GE crops; and Dr. Debal Deb, who has a Ph.D in ecology and founded in 1998 the first non-governmental rice gene bank in east India.

Their study, they say, is concerned not so much about the risks and costs of developing GE rice, but "about the compelling reasons why we should embrace rice knowledge developed by farmers over thousands of years and combine it with the best of modern biotechnology; not genetic engineering but science that is precise, predictable and acceptable to the public."

The authors come to the conclusion that "GE rice and the risks that it brings are simply unnecessary." Their reasoning is that with as many as 140,000 varieties of rice developed during the course of shared agricultural history, varieties developed for specific reasons, including withstanding climactic conditions and resisting certain infestations, "the diversity of rice and varieties represents the future of rice and those that depend on it."

Why then are companies—with the cooperation of governments—spending billions to tweak the DNA of rice (among other foods)? Borromeo and Deb assert that "GE technology is an attempt by large corporations to take from public hands the shared knowledge of rice and replace it with a technology that doesn't work."

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IF THESE companies have their way, they might also eventually end up "owning" rice itself, since they would own the patent over the GE'd rice (which is an entirely new organism, not just a new variety of rice). "They are promoting a level of corporate control over food production that will unacceptably compromise the cost of and access to food, the diversity of food types, and the safety of food that we eat."

GE rice, the authors stress, "is no magic bullet and will cause more problems than it can possibly solve." At best, they say, GE rice "has promised much but delivered little, while ignoring the potential health, environmental and economic consequences of a technology that cannot be controlled."

And it's not as if there are no other alternatives to GE rice to boost productivity and create sturdier, more resistant, and even more fragrant rice. Many existing or promising technologies—that do not involve genetic engineering—"not only solve pest and disease problems but create additional sources of income and food for farmers and communities."

All these "alternative" (well, not really alternative because they are traditional and time-tested) solutions "exist and are used and working in various parts of the world," say Borromeo and Deb. But they also require that governments "invest in the long-term future of their farming and food producing systems and that the rice industry recognize that its own long term viability rests with rice production systems that work and that its customers will accept."

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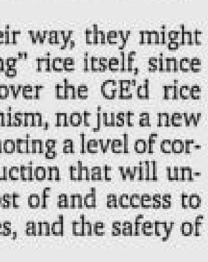
WHICH brings me to the consumer's viewpoint. Since I am a consumer, and, being a Filipino, a consumer of rice, I think I can speak authoritatively on the issue.

The news that GE rice is being sold in supermarkets that I patronize filled me with dread. If I am going to be eating rice—and serving it to my family and guests—that may tweak my DNA and give me freakish grandchildren, then at the very least I demand that I know what exactly it is I am putting in my gullet.

While labeling laws in other countries require food marketers to state if their products contain GE organisms, there is no such requirement in the Philippines. And if "double dead" chickens and pork from China can be sold openly in local markets, it's not too farfetched to imagine that we could have been eating GE rice without our knowing it. It's time to get mad, my peeps!

Why movie actors get elected



PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

WHEN LITO LAPID, AKA LEON GUERRERO, was campaigning for governor of Pampanga, he got stuck somewhere and could not attend an important rally in another town. The people had lined up the streets waiting for him all morning, but he could not be there. So he sent his horse instead. It was a brilliant, if bizarre, substitution. His fans applauded the animal as it strode into the plaza. The spectacle of a saddled horse without a rider proved more eloquent than any speech that the absent candidate might have given. And Lapid went on to become governor of the province.

This anecdote was told to me by some local leaders in the course of a discussion of the uphill fight that former Lubao Mayor Lilia Pineda is waging against Lito's son, Mark, incumbent governor and also a movie actor, in this year's gubernatorial race in the province. The story may or may not be true, but it is plausible.

Among educated Filipinos, stories like this automatically elicit sighs of despair over the state of politics in our country. They are part of the narrative lore about the average Filipino voter's presumed political immaturity. But how valid is this image of the Filipino voter?

Many of our people are no doubt mesmerized by the heroic exploits of their favorite movie characters. But to suggest that they cannot tell the difference between fictional figures and real-life politicians is to misjudge them. They know whom they are voting for and why they are voting for them. It is not because the candidates of their choice are larger than life. Rather, it is because the voters believe their candidates are good people and can be trusted.

It is important to understand where this moral code of the average Filipino voter is coming from. It proceeds from the belief that little people in a highly unequal society are invisible and cannot be heard. Their plight has to be championed by individuals who can see them and can empathize with their powerlessness. These are the movie actors who, through the films they make, bolster the little people's will to live. To the latter, the movie actors are more real than the politicians who make empty promises and treat them like children. Government is too remote from them; they seek the familiar to help them access the services they think are reserved only to those with influence.

It is obvious that they look at government as nothing more than a source of benefits, and at public officials as primarily the bearers of these benefits. They can hardly be blamed for this pre-modern mind-set. The whole political system we have, which revolves around the pork barrel, appears to the ordinary citizen as no more than a contest for control of the State's distribution system.

In such a world, intelligence and experience or competence in statecraft are of little value. The virtues that matter are generosity, approachability, and a strong sense of empathy. It is the latter that they associate most with their movie heroes. If anybody should tell them that that's the movies and this is reality, they might answer that they are fated to live like fans in a society that has room only for the wealthy, the powerful and the popular.

This too is a form of rationality. It is neither blind nor passive. The poor who vote for movie actors are not lost in adulation; their eyes are as open as those of the educated. They invest trust, and they expect to be able to collect on their investment. It is futile to remind them that the work of a senator is to craft laws and to debate national policies, rather than to serve as a funnel for doles. For the fact is, the great majority of our legislators today measure their usefulness by the amount of projects they bring to their constituents rather than by the quality of their interventions on the congressional floor.

For as long as politics in our country feeds on the deprivation of the poor, and for as long as the basic needs of our people are coursed through a feudal system of patronage run by politicians, we will continue to have voters in search of champions. In the Philippines, we pick them from the ranks of movie actors, TV celebrities, and athletes—a solid testimony to the power of television. In other countries, the poor turn to fundamentalist religious leaders.

But this will pass. Slowly, a growing number of our people are already freeing themselves from absolute poverty. These are mainly the families of our overseas Filipino workers. They are investing heavily in the further education of their children. With the improvement in their socio-economic situation, they learn to demand policies rather than material favors from their elected public officials. This shift is bound to affect their choices of leaders. We are already seeing this value shift in the loud critical voices that have greeted boxing idol Manny Pacquiao's recent announcement of his intention to seek public office.

As politics evolves into an autonomous system, sealed from the imperatives of family, religion, and business interest groups, there will be less and less room for instant politicians. Stable political parties with clear ideologies and programs of government will take center stage and put some order in the recruitment and training of leaders. In the West, the problem takes a different turn—how to inject new blood into a political system dominated by professional politicians and bureaucratized parties. But that's hardly our problem at this point.

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Broken smiles

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

JAGNA, BOHOL—OUR GUIDE WELCOMES US TO JAGNA, and tells us in a singsong that it's-not-a-very-big-town. We go straight to the Teodoro Galager Provincial Hospital, where the hallways are lined with folding beds, and mothers sit with sleeping toddlers. I'm handed a pile of blue materials: doctor's gown, half-mask, shoe coverings, and a wad of cloudy blue gauze to wear like a shower cap.

In the recovery room, anesthesiologist Lito Dimapelis carries in an unconscious 18-year-old girl with tape over her newly-stitched lip. His doctor's coat is printed with sushi illustrations, each labeled in Japanese and English. *Ikura* (salmon rolls). *Hirame* (halibut). *Ebi* (shrimp).

The girl in his arms was born with a harelip. Her mother stands by the bed, a small, sunburned woman clutching a plastic bag in both hands. Dr. Lito asks her if harelips run in the family. She says no—it was her fault, she explains. She had tripped when she was pregnant. It is an explanation that she must have repeated again and again over the last 18 years. It is the reasoning of many of the mothers who come to Operation Smile, along with tales of voodoo and spirits and family curses. In the Philippines, one in every 600 is born with a cleft, a statistic higher than that of the developed world. Although the predisposition is usually genetic, it is triggered by malnutrition during a woman's pregnancy. Operation Smile, which began in the Philippines, offers reconstructive surgery to children suffering from the physical and emotional distress caused by facial deformities. Teams operate in 24 mission countries all over the world, with plastic surgeons, nurses, speech therapists and anesthesiologists giving services for free.

I meet Jovenson in the hallway, right outside the surgery. Two years and three months old, he sits at the crook of his father's arm, one fat fist curled around his father's shirt collar. I take his picture. He stares at the camera soberly, and at the flash, the big brown eyes blink, and the tiny brows come together as he glares in outrage.

Jovenson was born with an incomplete cleft lip. There is a gap on his upper lip, as if someone had pinched his lip apart and folded back the edges. His is a mild case; complete clefts extend all the way up to the nose, and sometimes even appear on both sides of a lip. Jovenson's father, Pedro Ejoc Jr. is a company driver. His wife Marina is 29 years old, and stands beside her grinning husband. I ask her how she feels, and she smiles shakily. She taps her heart. "*Nalipay*," she says. She repeats herself, louder. Someone translates for her. *Nalipay*. *Kinakabahan*. Happy. Nervous. Pedro beams at her. He says he isn't worried at all, and something about his smile reminds me of Manny Pacquiao at the end of the Pacquiao-Morales fight.

The shrieking boy is carried into the surgery, and Dr. Rodel, the anesthesiologist, puts him to sleep. Dr. Mark, the plastic surgeon assigned to this case, injects a fluid into the lips to prevent bleeding, then inks out measurements on Jovenson's upper lip. He says this is the most important part of the whole process.

"Del," Dr. Mark announces to the anesthesiologist. "Cutting."

He slices through skin, a short, curving cut. He separates muscle, and there is blood, tiny veins of wet red blood, droplets blooming on the tiny lips in spite of the cautery Dr. Mark uses to burn out the blood. He pulls up the upper lip, and cuts away the excess. My stomach rolls, and I blink. There's the crackle of cellophane, and chocolate is pressed into my hand. Dr. Rodel winks at me, and tells me to sit down. I eat the chocolate. I sit down. I breathe. And then the suturing begins, and I stand up to look. The two sides of Jovenson's upper lip are drawn together and sewn, puzzle pieces finally coming together.

Rock music is piped into the room from an MP3 player in the corner. They say, in the morning they start with classical music. The longer the day, the faster the music. Dr. Mark says he prefers rave, Dr. Gerald raves and hip-hops. Dr. Rodel of the chocolates announces his preference for dance music, particularly the Mark Herras record. They are in agreement on one thing: delicate operations call for Boticelli and Josh Groban. Sawing away at skin during liposuction requires head-banging rock.

Dr. Gerald takes over Dr. Mark's explanations. Under his coat is a pink T-shirt. "Tough guys wear Pink." He says that if the lips were sewn even one millimeter out of place, the mistake would be noticeable. Most foreigners can afford numerous operations to perfect the surgery; here, because of the expense, it's a one-shot deal. They clean up Jovenson, and the toddler is picked up and tucked into the curve of Dr. Mark's brawny arm.

The parents are waiting outside, and they follow us to the recovery room. Pedro is no longer smiling; Marina clutches her hands in front of her. They stay away from the bed and the sleeping toddler. I ask Marina how she feels, and she looks at me, almost speaks, and then buries her face on her husband's shoulder. There are tears, and watery smiles and near-disbelief. Pedro begins to grin. We leave them standing by the bed, guarding their little boy.

Tonight there is drinking, and dancing, and laughing, although my giggles stop the moment Dr. Rodel tells me, in the most fatherly way possible, that I'm a candidate for liposuction. Dr. Eric, the team dentist, tells us about a mother whose daughter he fitted with an obdurator, an implement to close off the hole in her palate. "Everything went fine," the 6-foot tall doctor said. "A few adjustments, then she got the obdurator. They said, goodbye, thank you, and then the mother came back, holding a sack with a chicken." He gestures wildly, and flaps his arms. "A live chicken! She said, 'Doctor, thank you very much.'"

Dr. Mark tells me why he started working with Operation Smile. He was in Batangas during a mission, and there was a child with a cleft. He was interested, and enlisted as one of the consultants. The following day, when he took out the bandage, the mother was crying, hacking sobs, so he panicked. The mother told him her story. Her eldest son had a cleft lip, and was already 17. They didn't have the money to even go to a mission site, so he never got operated on. He went to school, but the children teased him and laughed at him, and he dropped out. Eventually, he refused to leave the house.

"Our patient was a girl. Imagine, through that mission we were able to change the path of that girl. She didn't have to go through what her brother did." Dr. Mark was 30 years old then, he's in his 40s now. "That's when I decided it was what I was going to do."

In two weeks, Jovenson's sutures will disappear. He is a beautiful boy, and I'm guessing his smile will be as bright as his father's.

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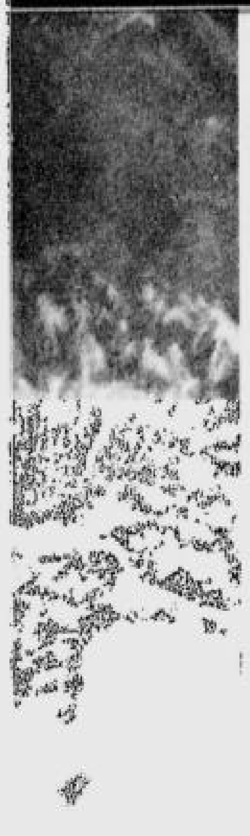

Coping with global warming (2)

THE RELEASE ON FEB. 5 OF A UN REPORT SAYING THAT GLOBAL warming was "very likely" caused by mankind and that climate change would continue for centuries to come drove home the point that strong action should be taken to cushion the impact of a warmer world.

A day after the Intergovernmetal Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued the report, 45 countries joined France in calling for a new body to slow global warming.

US scientists said the long-term outlook for global warming might be more serious than the IPCC forecast because new evidence of accelerated melting of glaciers in Greenland and the Antarctic came too late to be included in the report. Melting glaciers contribute to rising sea levels. Glaciers reflect heat from the sun.

Taking the opposite tack is a lobby group funded by one of the world's largest oil companies. The Guardian UK reported that the American Enterprise Institute, an ExxonMobil-funded think tank with close links to the Bush administration, offered scientists and economists $10,000 each to undermine the IPCC report.

Climate scientists said the move was an attempt to cast doubt over the "overwhelming scientific evidence" on global warming.

Expect wilder weather in years to come

THERE IS NOW HIGHER CONFIDENCE IN projected patterns of warming and other regional-scale features, including changes in wind patterns, precipitation, and some aspects of extremes and ice.

- Projected warming in the 21st century shows scenario-independent geographical patterns similar to those observed over the past several decades. Warming is expected to be greatest over land and at most high northern latitudes, and least over the Southern Ocean and parts of the North Atlantic ocean (*See Figure 3*).
- Snow cover is projected to contract. Widespread increases in thaw depth are projected over most permafrost regions.
- Sea ice is projected to shrink in both the Arctic and Antarctic under all scenarios of the SRES (Special Report on Emission Scenarios [2000] of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). In some projections, Arctic late-summer sea ice disappears almost entirely by the latter part of the 21st century.
- It is very likely that hot extremes, heat waves, and heavy precipitation events will continue to become more frequent.
- Based on a range of models, it is likely that future tropical cyclones (typhoons and hurricanes) will become more intense, with larger peak wind speeds and more heavy precipitation associated with ongoing increases in tropical sea surface temperatures. There is less confidence in projections of a global decrease in numbers of tropical cyclones. The apparent increase in the proportion of very intense storms since 1970 in some regions is much larger than simulated by current models for that period.
- Extra-tropical storm tracks are projected to move poleward, with consequent changes in wind, precipitation and temperature patterns, continuing the broad pattern of observed trends over the last half-century.
- Since the Third Assessment Report there is an improving understanding of projected patterns of precipitation. Increases in the amount of precipitation are very likely in high latitudes, while decreases are likely in most subtropical land regions (by as much as about 20 percent in the A1B scenario in 2100), continuing observed patterns in recent trends.
- Based on current model simulations, it is very likely that the meridional overturning circulation (MOC) of the Atlantic Ocean will slow down during the 21st century. The multi-model average reduction by 2100 is 25 percent (range from zero to about 50 percent) for SRES emission scenario A1B. Temperatures in the Atlantic region are projected to increase despite such changes due to the much larger warming associated with projected increases of greenhouse gases. It is very unlikely that the MOC will undergo a large abrupt transition during the 21st century. Longer-term changes in the MOC cannot be assessed with confidence.

Excerpts from the IPCC Report

Changes in greenhouse gases

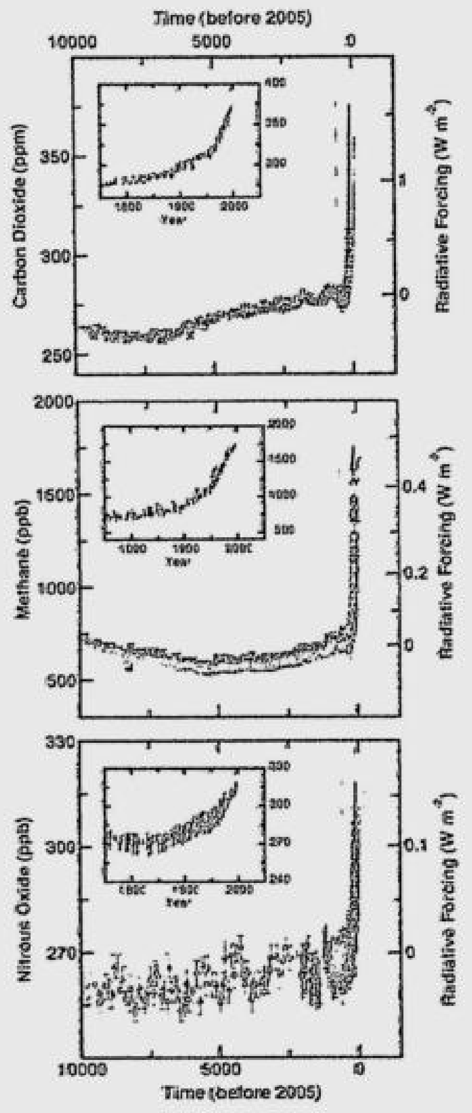

FIGURE 1. Atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide over the last 10,000 years (large panels) and since 1750 (inset panels). Measurements are shown from ice cores (symbols with different colors for different studies) and atmospheric samples (red lines). The corresponding radiative forcings are shown on the right-hand axes of the large panels. Radiative forcing is a measure of the influence that a factor has in altering the balance of incoming and outgoing energy in the Earth-atmosphere system and is an index of the importance of the factor as a potential climate change mechanism. Positive forcing tends to warm the surface while negative forcing tends to cool it.

Emission scenarios

A1 THE A1 STORYLINE AND SCENARIO family describes a future world of very rapid economic growth, global population that peaks in mid-century and declines thereafter, and the rapid introduction of new and more efficient technologies.

Major underlying themes are convergence among regions, capacity building and increased cultural and social interactions, with a substantial reduction in regional differences in per capita income. The A1 scenario family develops into three groups that describe alternative directions of technological change in the energy system. The three A1 groups are distinguished by their technological emphasis: fossil intensive (A1FI), non-fossil energy sources (A1T), or a balance across all sources (A1B) (where balanced is defined as not relying too heavily on one particular energy source, on the assumption that similar improvement rates apply to all energy supply and end-use technologies).

A2 The A2 storyline and scenario family describes a very heterogeneous world. The underlying theme is self-reliance and preservation of local identities. Fertility patterns across regions converge very slowly, which results in continuously increasing population. Economic development is primarily regionally oriented and per capita economic growth and technological change more fragmented and slower than other storylines.

B1 The B1 storyline and scenario family describes a convergent world with the same global population, that peaks in mid-century and declines thereafter, as in the A1 storyline, but with rapid change in economic structures toward a service and information economy, with reductions in material intensity and the introduction of clean and resource efficient technologies. The emphasis is on global solutions to economic, social and environmental sustainability, including improved equity, but without additional climate initiatives.

B2 The B2 storyline and scenario family describes a world in which the emphasis is on local solutions to economic, social and environmental sustainability. It is a world with continuously increasing global population, at a rate lower than A2, intermediate levels of economic development, and less rapid and more diverse technological change than in the B1 and A1 storylines. While the scenario is also oriented toward environmental protection and social equity, it focuses on local and regional levels.

An illustrative scenario was chosen for each of the six scenario groups A1B, A1FI, A1T, A2, B1 and B2.

All should be considered equally sound. The SRES scenarios do not include additional climate initiatives, which means that no scenarios are included that explicitly assume implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change or the emissions targets of the Kyoto Protocol.

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Projections of surface temperatures

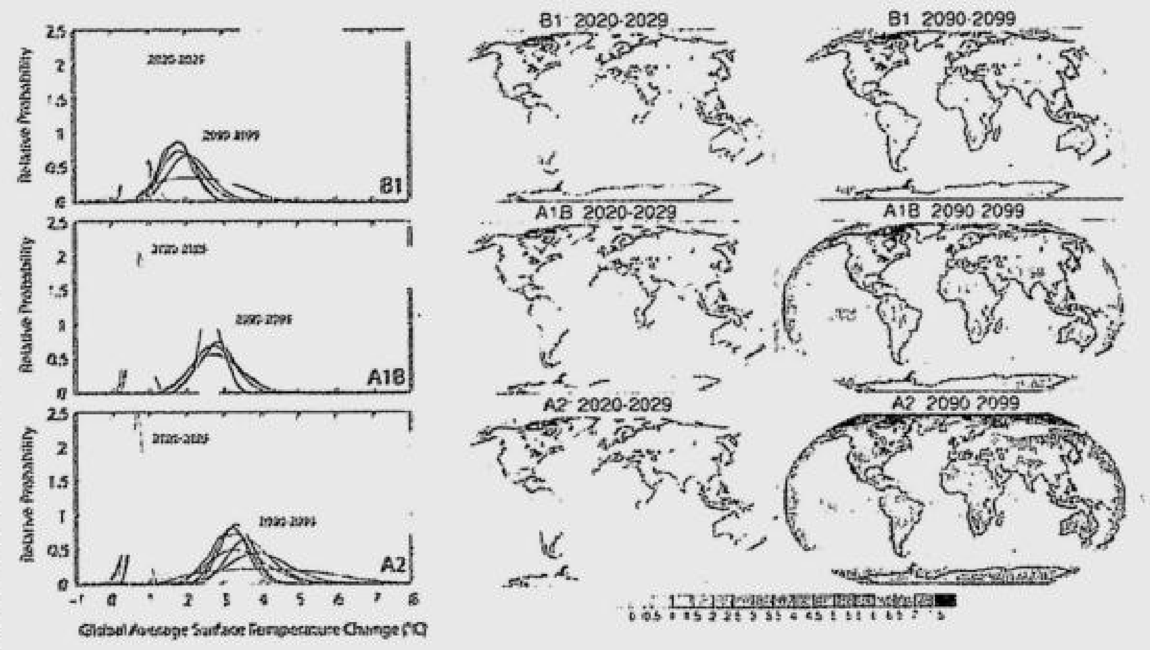
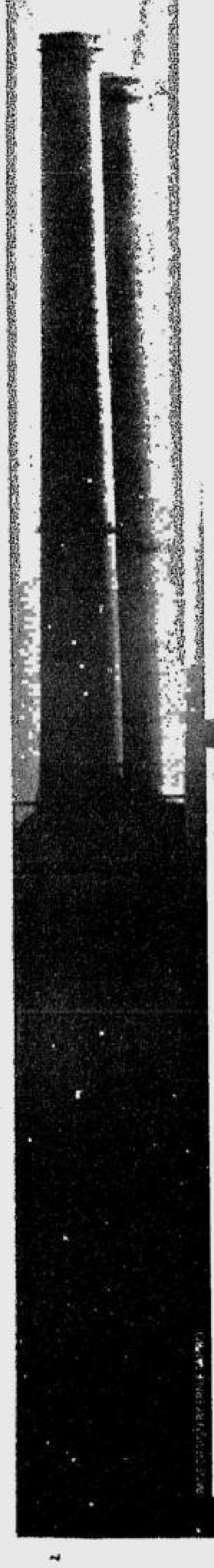


FIGURE 3. Projected surface temperature changes for the early and late 21st century relative to the period 1980-1999. The central and right panels show the Atmosphere-Ocean General Circulation multi-Model average projections for the B1 (top), A1B (middle) and A2 (bottom) SRES scenarios averaged over decades 2020–2029 (center) and 2090–2099 (right).
The left panel shows corresponding uncertainties as the relative probabilities of estimated global average warming from several studies for the same periods. Some studies present results only for a subset of the SRES scenarios, or for various model versions. Therefore the difference in the number of curves, shown in the left-hand panels, is due only to differences in the availability of results.



Changes in temperature, sea level, northern snow cover

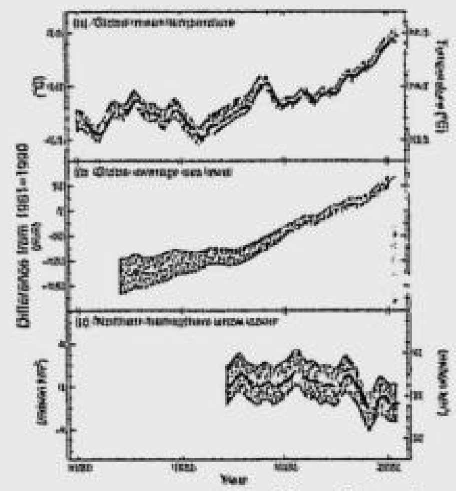


FIGURE 2. Observed changes in (a) global average surface temperatures; (b) global average sea level rise from tide gauge (blue) and satellite (red) data; and (c) Northern Hemisphere snow cover for March-April.
All changes are relative to corresponding averages for the period 1961-1990. Smoothed curves represent decadal averaged values while circles show yearly values.
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Global and continental temperature change

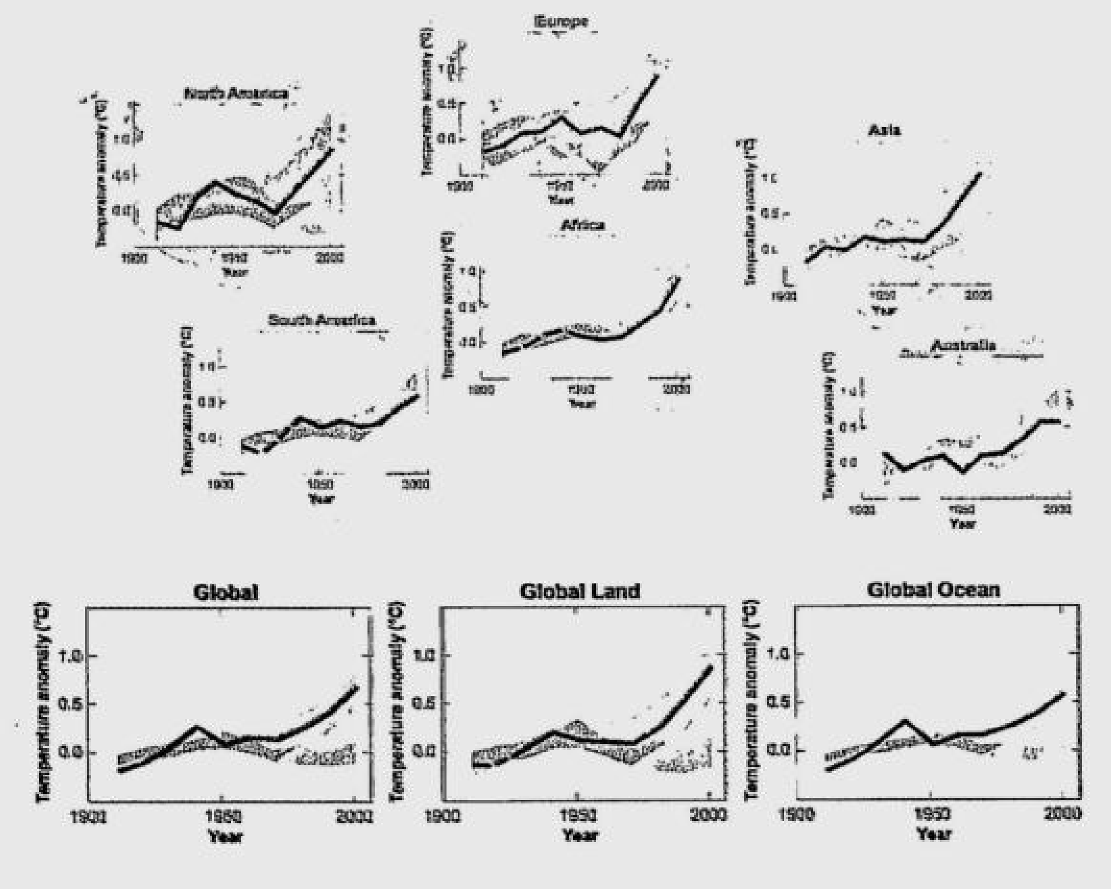

FIGURE 4. Comparison of observed continental- and global-scale changes in surface temperature with results simulated by climate models using natural and anthropogenic (caused by man) forcings. Decadal averages of observations are shown for the period 1906-2005 (black line) plotted against the center of the decade and relative to the corresponding average for 1901-1950. Lines are dashed where spatial coverage is less than 50 percent. Blue-shaded bands show the 5-95 percent range for 19 simulations from 5 climate models using only the natural forcings due to solar activity and volcanoes. Red shaded bands show the 5-95 percent range for 58 simulations from 14 climate models using both natural and anthropogenic forcings.

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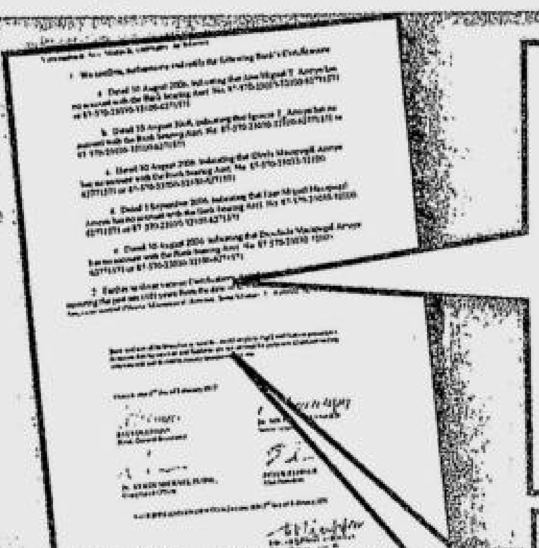

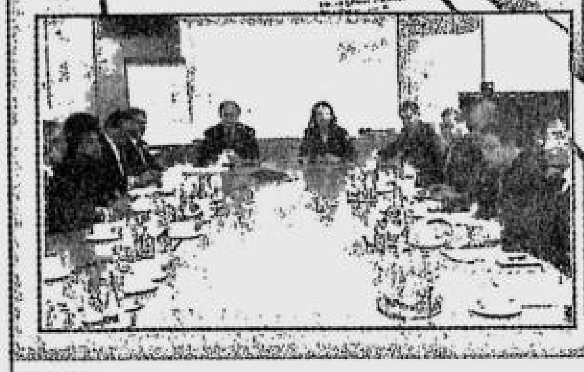

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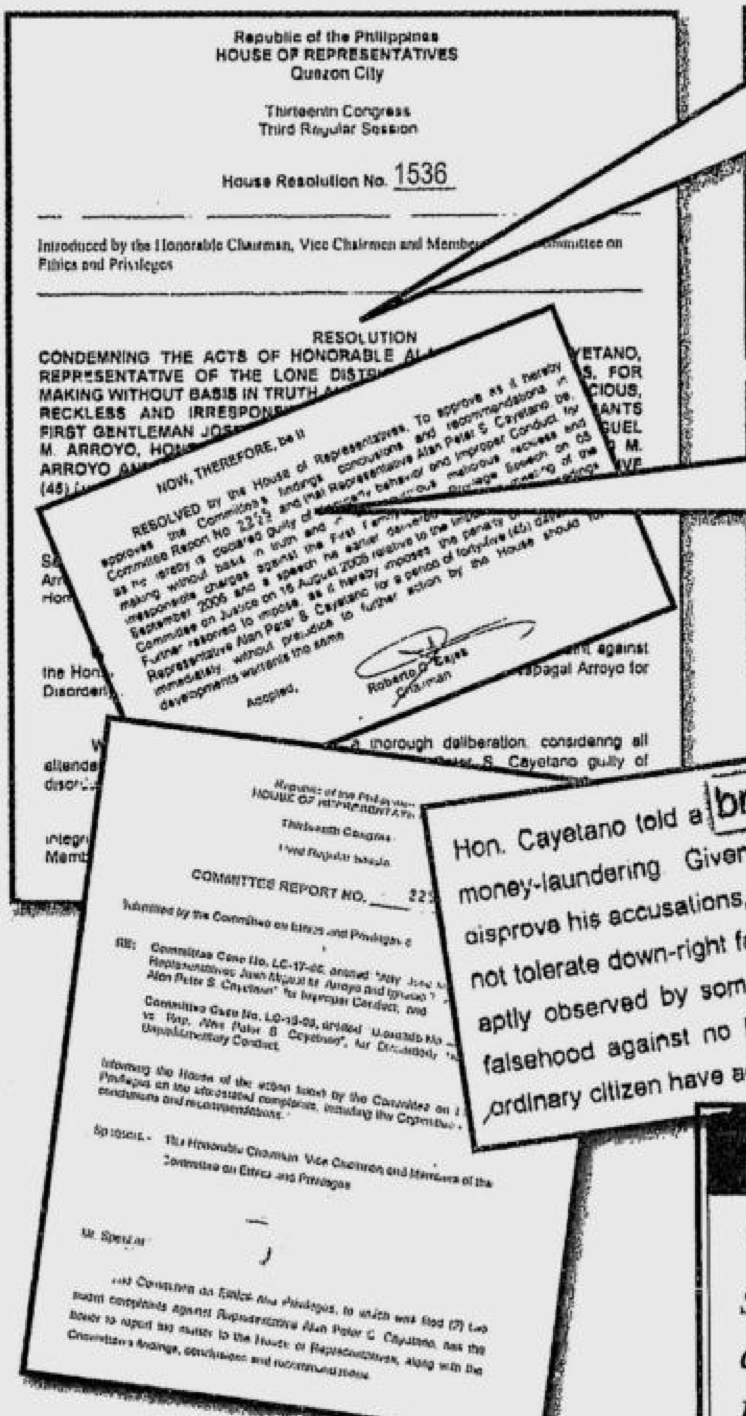
House Ethics Committee finds Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano GUILTY of disorderly behavior and improper conduct and overwhelmingly recommends for his 45-day suspension.



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House Resolution No. 1536

Introduced by the Honorable Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Members of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges

RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE ACTS OF HONORABLE ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF TAGUIG/PATEROS, FOR MAKING WITHOUT BASIS IN TRUTH AND IN FACT, SCURRILOUS, MALICIOUS, RECKLESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES AND IMPOSING THE PENALTY OF SUSPENSION OF FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS"

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, To approve as it hereby approves, the Committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations in Committee Report No. 2255, and that Representative Alan Peter S. Cayetano, be, as he hereby is, declared guilty of disorderly behavior and Improper Conduct, for making without basis in truth and in fact, scurrilous, malicious, reckless and irresponsible charges against the First Family

Hon. Cayetano told a **brazen lie,** when he accused the first family of
money-laundering. Given the over-whelming and uncontroverted evidence to
disprove his accusations, there is simply no way around that. This House will
not tolerate down-right falsehoods, specially
aptly observed by some quarters, if a Cong
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This is not only reprehensible, it is down-right shameful. Being
lawyer he professes to be, Hon. Cayetano should have assisted, not
frustrated, the Committee's search for the truth. It is shameful that a person
prone to lying would also resort to squid tactics to cover his lies. Hon.
should not escape the consequences of promoting this travesty.

Statement of First Gentleman Atty. Mike Arroyo

"The overwhelming condemnation of his peers, who called for his suspension for 45 days, is our vindication after the vicious, malicious and unfounded smear campaign that he waged against my family and myself..."

"We are grateful to our friends and the many Filipinos who expressed support for our fight for vindication and justice. To them, I pledge that we will always do what is right, and stand against those, like Rep. Cayetano, who only wish to impede our nation's progress for the sake of their selfish ambition and hunger for power."

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Voters urged: Unmask pols in 'jueteng'

LUCENA CITY—A CATHOLIC BISHOP IN QUEZON assailed the revival of the illegal numbers game "jueteng" in the province and urged voters to expose local government officials who will allow its operation.

"This illegal gambling in our midst can be stopped if only President Arroyo, government law enforcers and local officials would really want to. All they have to do is just say no," Diocese of Lucena Bishop Emilio Marquez told the INQUIRER in an interview Friday afternoon.

The head of the Catholic Church in Quezon said he would soon issue a pastoral letter to remind voters to remain vigilant against politicians who will use campaign funds from illegal sources, particularly jueteng and drugs.

"It is the people who should be more zealously vigilant, not only the priests, not only the election watchdogs. It is the collective moral obligation of every citizen not to allow the politicians to taint the sanctity of the ballots," Marquez said.

Quoting his own "sources," Marquez said the planned return of jueteng in time for the elections has the blessings of top government officials and police officers based in Camp Crame.

He mentioned the names of a certain Fany Abella and one Tony Ong, both alleged gambling lords, whom he claimed were the financiers of jueteng revival in the province.

The bishop urged law enforcers to act on the report.

In an earlier interview, Candelaria Mayor David Emralino, president of the Quezon Mayors League, confirmed the planned return of jueteng in the province as a source of election campaign funds. He said he rejected it.

He also pointed to Abella as one of the would-be operators of jueteng.

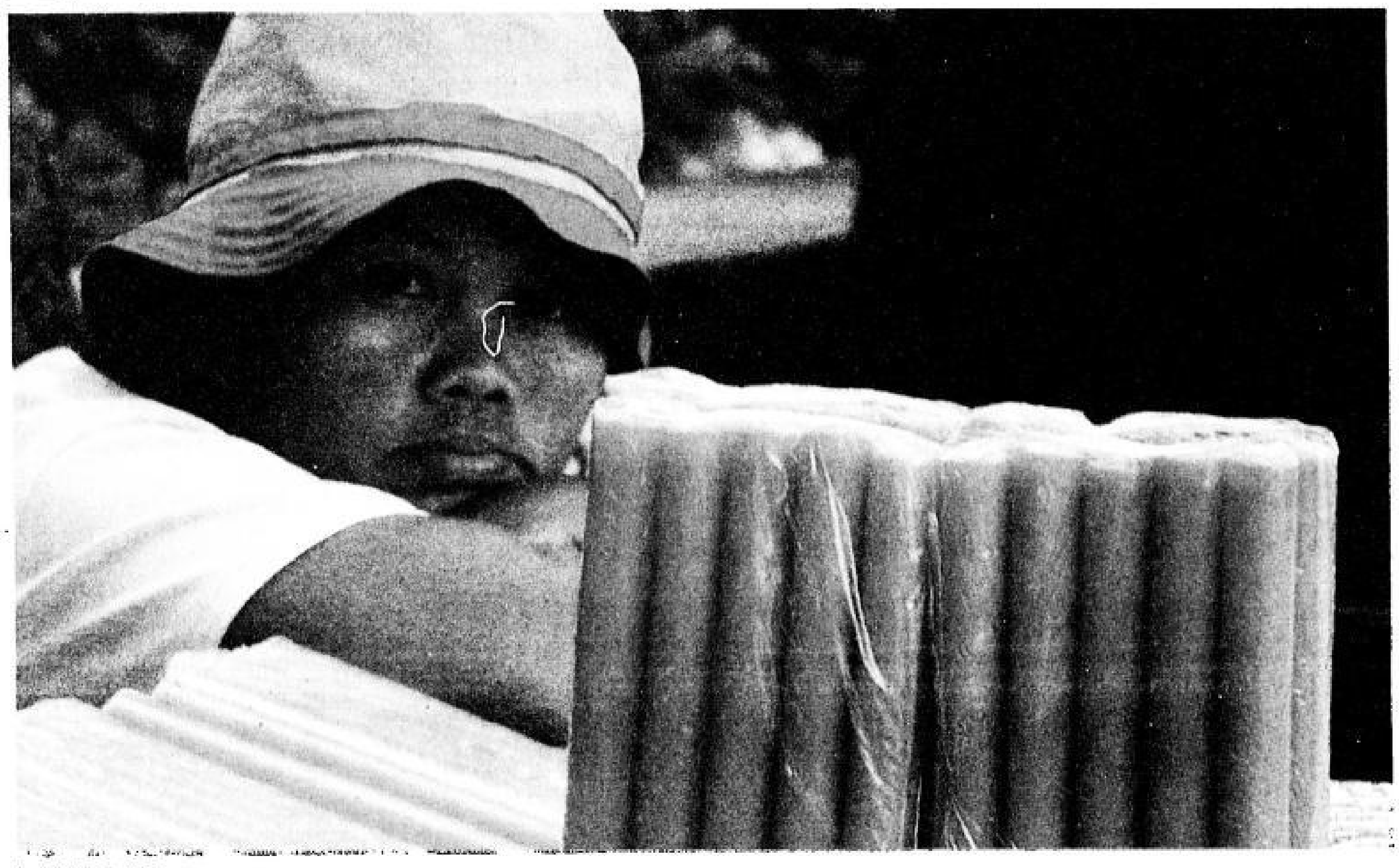
Senior Supt. Victorio Caragan Jr., Quezon police chief, admitted that a group of gambling financiers attempted to operate jueteng in Mulanay on Thursday.

"But as soon as my intelligence operatives confirmed the information, I immediately ordered the town police chief to stop it. I strongly warned my police official not to sleep in his job," Caragan said over the phone.

But desperate for cash for their election campaign logistics, an undetermined number of Quezon local executives reportedly met with Abella in a classy restaurant in this city Saturday to map out plans for jueteng resumption.

The source also revealed that one Attorney Baltazar, allegedly fronting for a Cabinet official and one alias "Ninja," alleged bagman of a ranking police official in Camp Crame, are protecting the planned jueteng resumption not only in Quezon, but also in Calabarzon, Bicol and some parts of Central and Northern Luzon.

"These two have been dropping the names of their bosses in forcing the police and local officials to allow the entry of jueteng," he said. The informant also identified one Molly Acuña and a certain Danny Belen as the "go-between" of government protectors and jueteng operators. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*



LAZY DAY

A vendor of candles waits for buyers as devotees flock to the Jaro Cathedral in time for the Jaro Fiesta. The cathedral is home to the image of the Our Lady of the Candles. ARNOLD ALMACEN/INQUIRER VISAYAS

Politics gets in way of medical mission

LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—Politics got in the way of the delivery of medical services in Bugallon town, with two village chiefs refusing to host a medical mission of the provincial government because "it is election time."

Malou Eduayan, coordinator of the Kalusugan sa Barangay, said a team was supposed to hold a medical mission on Feb. 15 in Barangay Polong in Bugallon.

She said Mayor Ricardo Orduña approved the project, so she went to see the village chief of Polong.

"But [the official] refused to host the project, saying it was election time and that missions should not be conducted at this time," Eduayan said.

The chief of another village, Magtaking, also refused to host the project and cited the same reason, she said.

The Kalusugan sa Barangay is a regular program of the provincial government that started in 1999.

Gov. Victor Agbayani's wife, Jamie Louise, a pediatrician, heads the medical team.

The team goes around the different towns in Pangasinan and serves several villages every mission.

"The very first mission in 1999 was conducted in Barangay Polong, so I wonder why the village heads are refusing it this time," Eduayan said.

Orduña, in a telephone interview, said the villagers refused to allow the mission because they were supporting Pangasinan Rep. Amado Espino Jr., who is running for governor under the Nationalist People's Coalition and Kampi in the May 14 elections.

Jamie Louise Agbayani may face off with Espino because she is among the candidates being considered by Lakas-CMD to run for governor.

Orduña said politics was the real reason behind the refusal of village heads to host the medical mission.

"They should understand that the congressman (Espino) attends every affair of the barangay heads, like their birthdays. So they are refusing the mission headed by Agbayani," he said.

He said he tried to talk with the village heads and explain to them why they should allow the medical mission, but they were adamant. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

Gov't urged to stop GMO rice importation

LOS BANOS, LAGUNA—A NETwork of farmers and natural scientists appealed to the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) of the Department of Agriculture to disapprove the country's import of genetically modified rice.

Dr. Chito Medina, board member of Magsasaka at Siyentipiko para sa Pag-unlad ng Agrikultura (Masipag), said rice should be spared from genetic modification.

He said that it is possible that the importation and use of the genetic rice would endanger the health of over 84 million Filipinos.

Bayer, a German company, applied on Aug. 31, 2006 at the BPI for the direct use of LLRICE62, a type of hybrid rice which is herbicide-tolerant.

The approval of the importation is still indefinite as the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) has yet to accomplish the review and evaluation of the application, Thelma Soriano, head of the BPI's BIOTECH core team, told the INQUIRER.

She said that the BIOTECH core team would evaluate the results of the STRP study as a requirement prior to approval of the GM products.

Medina said the commercial introduction of the genetic rice is still questionable as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have never been subjected to rigorous testing.

"The Philippine government has been approving the importation and commercialization of genetically modified products without reliable safety assessments," he said.

Masipag said 19 GMOs were introduced to the market.

The group said the DA has solely relied on data submitted by companies to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Medina said the USDA has deregulated LLRICE62 because the US government assumed that it was safe to consume GM products even without performing tests.

He said that in August 2006, LLRICE601 was found to have contaminated stocks of long-grain rice in the United States.

As a result, he said, Japan suspended importation of rice from the United States while the European Union is testing US rice for contamination. *Niña Catherine Calleja, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Baguio air quality getting worse

Pollution gauge gadgets see increasing particle volume

BAGUIO CITY—THE AIR QUALITY IN THE city is getting worse and proposals to withdraw ordinances that regulate traffic flow will not correct this environmental anomaly, local officials said.

Environmental advocates and experts agreed in a meeting this week that plans to withdraw a number-coding scheme to reduce the number of vehicles on Baguio streets were untimely, said Colleen Lacsamana, head of the city environment and parks management office.

Pressure from local businessmen has convinced some officials to nullify the number-coding ordinance, according to acting Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.

Some councilors have also offered to liberalize the existing law by widening the criteria for exempting vehicles from the regulation.

Lacsamana said the latest air quality readings issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources indicated that pollution coming from vehicle emission in downtown Baguio had exceeded last year's average by 20 percent.

Air Quality Monitoring S
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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THE NEW air quality monitoring machine installed last year on the intersection of Session Road and Magsaysay Avenue has detected the worsening pollution in Baguio. ELMER KRISTIAN DAUIGOY/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Bad numbers

The year 2006 posted an improvement in air quality when air quality monitors posted 164 micrograms per cubic meter (ugcm) of total suspended particles (TSP). TSP measures the pollutants in the air.

The city averages between 165 ugcm and 189 ugcm, but the year opened with downtown Baguio's TSP exceeding 200 ugcm, said Rolando Reyes, a DENR Cordillera air quality expert.

Lacsamana said the number coding helped keep down vehicular volume by 20 percent, which enabled the city to keep pollution down.

Conditions worsened on Friday because of a fire that spread at the city dump site in Barangay Irisan, which pushed readings to 231 ugcm. The tolerable ceiling posted for Baguio is 230 ugcm.

Reyes attributed the increase in the pollution reading to pollutants emitted from the fire at the dump and which were transmitted to downtown Baguio area by wind.

The fire was the second to hit the Irisan dump in the last two years. The first fire took days before it was contained, and after the city council increased funding for fire fighting equipment.

City personnel filled up the crevices in the dump to reduce the oxygen that fed the fire that started underneath the pile of garbage.
Vincent Cabreza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

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'Lumad' folk star in multi-awarded film by young Dabawenyo

By Jeffey M. Tupas
Davao City

JELIETA MARIVELES-Ruca beamed as she clutched a bouquet of fresh calla lilies handed to her by a friend during the premier of the film "Ang Huling Balyan" at the Gaisano Mall in Davao City on Feb. 2.

She later giggled and said she refused to lead the prayer because "red fighters don't pray."

Ruca is not a rebel in real life but she played the part in the film. Perhaps her refusal indicated that she has not totally detached herself from the character that she played.

That was also the main reason Ruca later said that generally, rural areas in Mindanao are still very much like the village of Buhi, which means life, alive, or free.

Sitting quietly behind her was the *lumad* (indigenous people) diva, Maaranay "Manay" Dumacon, a Manobo-Matigsalog from the village of Napalico in Arakan Valley, North Cotabato.

At least 30 other characters, all of them non-actors from Arakan and Marilog District in Davao City, could not help but chuckle every time they saw themselves on the screen.

Happy

The Matigsalog tribe is one of the *lumad* groups in southeastern and central Mindanao regions, particularly in the provinces of Bukidnon and North Cotabato.

Manay, a Matigsalog *tagbawian* or *balyan* (priestess), said she was happy about the outcome of the film, which was written and directed by Davao-born filmmaker Sherad Anthony Sanchez.

"I cannot say anything bad about the film... I am very happy with what I saw," said Manay.

Before the film was shown, the 20-year-old Sanchez had to stand before his fellow Dabawenyos to warn them about his piece's language and subject.

"I have to warn you that this film doesn't tell stories the usual way. This is not a film where in the end you will fall in love with the leading character... you will not also get scared here like you did with Kris Aquino," Sanchez said.

Different

"This is something different and I hope you will like it. I just have to warn you that this film contains a new line of cinematic language. I hope it will touch you," added Sanchez who admitted of having told some of his friends to bring along with them a *kumot* (blanket).

But Sanchez might have underestimated the Davao audience, who for more than two hours, stayed and endured the long wait just to get near the lead star, Manay.

Sanchez later said he was worried about how people would receive his film.

"I am skeptical about how Dabawenyos would take 'Huling Balyan.' The film is not Maximo Oliveros, which is charming and pleasant. It doesn't contain materials, which the commercial audience demands and it is not a normal film," Sanchez said.

This apprehension, he admitted, is apparently rooted in the fact that the Philippines has not progressed when it comes to filmmaking compared to other counties like Vietnam and Thailand.

"We haven't progressed in our cinematic language. Experimenting and conception of new cinematic language remains to be a big problem for some filmmakers because of the demand of the audience, which can be blamed on the audience's consciousness and appreciation," he said.

The "Huling Balyan," Sanchez said, is a product of a study and explorations of "new sensation," which is far from what is demanded by the audience.

Exotic

The story, he said, is something very exotic and Filipino.

The film's messages and their subtexts were presented in various ways so the audience could appreciate what it is all about.

"The film appeals to different kinds of sensitivities. You could be tired or reduced by watching it because of the untapped emotions, which were presented here. And the effect could be very addictive, Sanchez said.

Ang Huling Balyan ng Buhi tells about the intertwining lives of people living in Buhi, the most prominent of whom is Manay, the *balyan* strangely afflicted with stigmata.

Manay, who is supposed to be a powerful figure in the community, was often stalked by a teenager and the object of the military's lack of grasp and sensitivity to culture and gender.

Manay abhorred the presence of the military in the area and expressed this through her songs and soliloquy. She said the military only espoused conflict in the village and should be sent out of their place.

Another significant character was Gigi (played by Ruca), a ranking communist guerrilla, who while fighting the communist revolution, was also a witness to the sexual tension between two of her young male comrades and the tragedy that befell the lovers.

Performance

Manay's and Gigi's lives evolved around a vortex of realities thickened by the surreal presence of significant characters that created a baffling effect.

Both Manay and Gigi gave convincing performances. In the case of Manay, how can she not be convincing when she's playing herself?

Rated PG 13 by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), the film, produced by ABS-CBN, has won for Sanchez the Best Director Award in the Cinema One Originals 2006. The body judged the film as best picture, best screenplay and the special jury citation for ensemble acting.

The Academes of Metro Manila's Gawad Tanglaw also named Sanchez best director and the movie, best picture to tie with "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo" and "Kubrador."

Shot with an HD-camera and "do-it-yourself" equipment, the film was also named by the San Francisco Daily Guardian as the "single most important Filipino Film of 2006."

SANCHEZ directs Manay, the "balyan" of the village of Buhi.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Their wounds refuse to heal

By Germelina Lacorte
Davao City

SELDA secretary general Marie Hilao-Enriquez (left) urges human rights victims of martial law to come out and let the world know about their sufferings. Lolinda Salvacion wonders whether justice will ever come over a decade after deposed President Ferdinand Marcos died and most of the culprits gone.
GERMELINA LACORTE

LOLINDA SALVACION, 60, showed the bluish welt just above her breast, where soldiers once hit her with a rifle butt in one of those surprise raids in Mainit, a barangay of Nabunturan town in Compostela Valley at the height of Marcos' rule in 1985.

"We were harvesting corn, then, and I was looking for a friend," she recalled. "Someone told me my friend was in the house but when I went there, the house was full of soldiers. Right there and then, one of them seized me and beat me up," she said.

Later, she was brought to the soldiers' camp in Nabunturan where she was questioned but after realizing they could not extract anything from her, and with the help of her cousin's husband who was the town's chief of police, they let her go.

Salvacion was 39 when it happened but until now, her pains remain.

Unlike Salvacion, countless numbers of martial law victims were not as lucky.

Cornelia Narisma, 46, recalled how armed men killed her brother inside their house in a far-flung barangay of Davao del Norte in 1984.

Class suit

After hearing about the class suit against former President Ferdinand Marcos filed before a Hawaiian court, families of victims of human rights abuses during Marcos' 20-year rule started asking if justice could still be served over a decade after the perpetrators have fled.

Some victims' families have been pining for the money they could hopefully get if they win the case in the US courts but Marie Hilao-Enriquez, national secretary general of the political detainees' group Selda, said it's not so much for the money that they filed the case but to show to the world that human rights abuses really happened during martial law.

"We never thought of winning when we filed the case," she said. "If we win, we would treat it as a bonus for all we wanted was to show the world the faces of martial law victims," she said of the case that dragged on for over a decade now.

"It's important to let the world know, to tell the next generation what happened before everything is forgotten because things like these are not written in our textbooks," she said.

Tip of the iceberg

"This is the only justice we can get for the ordeal that we went through," Enriquez said.

"When we were detained, people thought we were criminals. Our neighbors were scared of us. What we went through was something no amount of money could ever pay," she added.

She said close to 10,000 victims of martial law have been recognized as claimants to Marcos' ill-gotten wealth in a class suit filed before a US court in Hawaii, but this figure is only the tip of the iceberg, she said. "Within the 20-year rule, the number of victims could easily reach a million," she said.

A group who called themselves Claimants 1081, however, has been saying that the number of validated claimants has been reduced to 7,500; and later, to 6,000, creating confusion among the victims and their survivors.

But Enriquez said the names of original claimants have already been validated and sealed in the US court that tried the case and that it will need a court order to release these names.

Like the unsuccessful battle for the $684 million held in escrow in Swiss banks which, human rights groups said, mysteriously vanished into the national treasury, Selda expects the indemnification case of martial law victims to drag on for years.

Syndicates

But a mere prospect of getting the money has spawned syndicates who, upon promises of a share of Marcos' ill-gotten wealth, have been collecting money from hapless people in the countryside desperate to do anything just to cling on to something to live by.

Salvacion is among the human rights victims who are asking if their names are in the list of claimants in a class suit against Marcos filed before the US courts.

But whether their names are included or not, Selda urges more victims like her to come to the open to tell the world the pain they suffered.

A bill has been passed in the Lower House and the Senate that sets aside P10 billion for the indemnification of martial law victims from Marcos' ill-gotten wealth, which presently goes to the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). If approved, the bill (which will still have to go through a joint Senate and Lower House bicameral committee) will be a chance for victims of human rights violations during martial law to seek indemnification.

But Enriquez said the reason for filing the case is to list down all names of the victims of martial law and to leave a record in history. At present, when most of those responsible for the deaths and disappearances during martial law are back in power, she said, survivors should see to it that no one forgets.

"When everybody else seems to have forgotten, it is almost our duty as victims to remember," she said.

"Now, that they're back in power, it's our painful duty to tell the world our pain," she added.

EXPECT A REPEAT PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR.

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More wind turbines to rise in Ilocos

By Cristina Arzadon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BANGUI, ILOCOS NORTE—FIVE more wind turbines are expected to be put up at the 25-megawatt Bangui wind farm here to boost the energy supply for power consumers in this province.

Another 30-MW wind power plant will be constructed in nearby Burgos town through a $75 million government grant under its super regions program. The wind farm is a project of the Philippine National Oil Co.

"The Bangui wind farm is an example of a private investment. But we need more investments in North Luzon in the areas of agribusiness and energy," President Macapagal-Arroyo said during a visit to the wind farm on Saturday.

Owned and operated by the Northwind Power Development Corp., the wind farm consists of 15 wind turbines and supplies 40 percent of Ilocos Norte's power requirements.

Northwind chair Ferdinand Dumlao said the use of wind energy has resulted in savings of P50 million since the wind farm started operating in June 2006.

Ms Arroyo arrived at Laoag International Airport at around 1 p.m. She was accompanied by Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla, Public Works Secretary Manuel Bonoan and former Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, now a consultant of the Bangui wind farm.

Her party was met by provincial officials led by Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Rep. Roque Ablan Jr. and Laoag City Mayor Michael Fariñas.

Ms Arroyo was in Ilocos Norte on the invitation of Fariñas to grace the Pamulinawen Festival, the city's main fiesta celebration.

The President said Ilocos Norte was included in the government's priority allocation of support programs under the North Luzon Agribusiness Growth Quadrangle.

Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, she said, should brace for the opening of a Chinese consulate in the city, the second consular post outside of Metro Manila. The first one is in Cebu City.

"We welcome our Chinese investors who are willing to provide funds in the areas of mining and agribusiness," she said.

THE POWER OF THE WIND
President Arroyo inspects the 25-megawatt Northwind Bangui Bay Project in Bangui, Ilocos Norte. The project, which currently has 15 wind turbines erected on a 9-km stretch of undeveloped foreshore area, will soon see the addition of five turbines to add to the already 40 percent of the electricity requirements of Ilocos Norte that are being met minus the greenhouse gas emissions. LYN RILLON

Military advances deadline for end of Abu Sayyaf

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE MILITARY HAS SET A NEW DEADLINE FOR itself to finish off the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf group in Sulu "in the very immediate future."

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. imposed the new deadline six months after the introduction of "Oplan Ultimatum," the intensified manhunt for the extremist terror group in the island province.

The military has also deployed a fresh batch of Special Forces troops, in addition to about 8,000 troops already in Sulu.

"We have imposed another deadline, a self-imposed deadline to our operations in Sulu. We are adding some more special forces to add to the current punch that we have there," Esperon told reporters.

"Within the year, [in the] very immediate future, that's what we're aiming for," he said.

Esperon earlier said the military operation in Sulu would continue until all major commanders of the Abu Sayyaf had been captured or killed.

The Abu Sayyaf, which has been linked to the al-Qaida terror network of Osama bin Laden, has been blamed for deadly bomb attacks, beheadings and kidnappings.

Last month, the military reported having killed Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani, Abu Sulaiman and seven other subcommanders and key aides in a series of encounters in Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

Janjalani was killed in a gun battle with Marines in Patikul, Sulu, on Sept. 4, 2006, which also claimed the lives of six Marines and wounded 19 others.

His remains were recovered on Dec. 27, 2006, and were confirmed to be Janjalani's last Jan. 20 after a forensic test conducted by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Abu Sulaiman, whose real name was Jainal Antel Sali, was killed by Army Special Forces troops on Jan. 16 on Mount Tajo, Talipao, Sulu.

He was alleged to have planned the 2001 Dos Palmas resort kidnapping, the 2004 SuperFerry 14 bombing and the 2005 Valentine's Day bombings.

Esperon said the Sulu operation was his chief preoccupation now.

"You may not believe it, but for three straight days I've been talking about it with the President, and really we have to finish that operation," he said.

"We have to knock out the key personalities there so that we can better deliver the developmental programs which will provide the long-term solution," he added.

Among the "high-value military targets" in Sulu are two Indonesian members of the regional Jemaah Islamiyah terror group—Dulmatin and Omar Patek— who allegedly masterminded the 2002 bombings in Bali, Indonesia.

The remaining Abu Sayyaf leaders are Radullan Sahiron, alias Kumander Putol; Isnilon Hapilon who, according to unconfirmed reports has fled to Basilan, Abu Pula and Tandah Sahibul.

They are all in the terrorist lists of the Philippine and US governments.

The Sulu operation hit a major snag after the Moro National Liberation Front complained that nine of its members were killed in a "misencounter" with Marines in Patikul, Sulu, on Jan. 18. Three Marines were also killed in the encounter.

The matter was settled after a government peace panel led by Maj. Gen. Ben Mohammad Dolorfino and Undersecretary for the Peace Process Ramon Santos paid at least P350,000 in compensation to the families of the slain MNLF men on Feb. 3.

But Dolorfino and his team were prevented from leaving the MNLF camp in Panamao, Sulu, for two nights until the government assured MNLF leader Habier Malik that a tripartite meeting with the Organization of the Islamic Conference would push through next month.

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IN A HOUSE in Barangay Sta. Elena, Marikina City, youthful offenders are being given a second chance. As part of their rehabilitation and to give them an outlet for their pent-up emotions, they paint and draw. Some of their works have been featured in several exhibits. PHOTOS BY JOAN BONDOC

Troubled minors find hope in a 'home without bars'

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

IT IS A DETENTION FACILITY WITHOUT prison bars.

Those inside could freely roam the compound, play basketball if they want to, eat sumptuous meals, look at themselves with dignity and start to rebuild their lives.

It is an old but well-maintained house in Barangay Sta. Elena in Marikina City, owned by 56-year-old widow Nadeia Sarte, who has turned it into a home for minors in conflict with the law.

"These children should not be incarcerated where they will only be exposed to adult suspects. They need a home so their transformation will be faster," Sarte told the INQUIRER.

Youthful offenders in the city used to be detained at the city jail because the city social welfare division did not have a facility for children. They were placed a separate cell, but it was adjacent to those of adult suspects.

Sarte visited the jail with some friends three years ago, not knowing that her unplanned visit would give her life a deeper purpose. Soon, she was visiting the jail regularly and one day, she brought with her artist Dennis Miguel who started holding art workshops for the children.

Temporary facility

In compliance with a new law on minors in conflict with the law, the city government asked Sarte last year if her house could be turned into a temporary facility for the children.

Twenty-two children were brought to her house with the original plan of letting them stay there for just one week.

But this week already marks the first anniversary of her house becoming a "home without bars" as she calls it.

Thirteen children remain in the house, which also accommodates victims of abuse and children found loitering in the streets. Some stay for a few days before they are returned to their parents while 11-year-old Carlo has been staying there for a few months as his father and stepmother have not been looking for him.

"My stepmother does not like me," Carlo whispered to the INQUIRER during a visit, concealing his face with a newspaper so that the other children would not hear what he said.

The servants' quarters in the house had been renovated to accommodate Carlo and the rest of the boys while three girls sleep in a bedroom next to Sarte's.

Miguel no longer visits the children for their art sessions, which he had conceptualized to give the children some outlet for their deepest emotions.

He has moved into Sarte's house, sleeping in the same quarters where the boys stay.

"They are already like my own children," Miguel, who is still single at 45, told the INQUIRER.

Being out of prison has changed the children's outlook tremendously, he added. It shows in their artwork.

Miguel said the paintings produced by the children when they were still behind bars were dominated by dark colors, conveying loneliness and gloom. Their artworks are now "more powerful," full of bright colors, a sign of renewed hope, he added.

Their paintings have been featured in art exhibits at the Marikina City Hall, the University of Sto. Tomas, the GSIS Building, as well as at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Three of his students have also started joining art competitions.

Displayed on walls around the house are sheets of paper with reminders, like one telling the children not to open the television set without first asking for permission and another listing the names of those assigned to wash the dishes.

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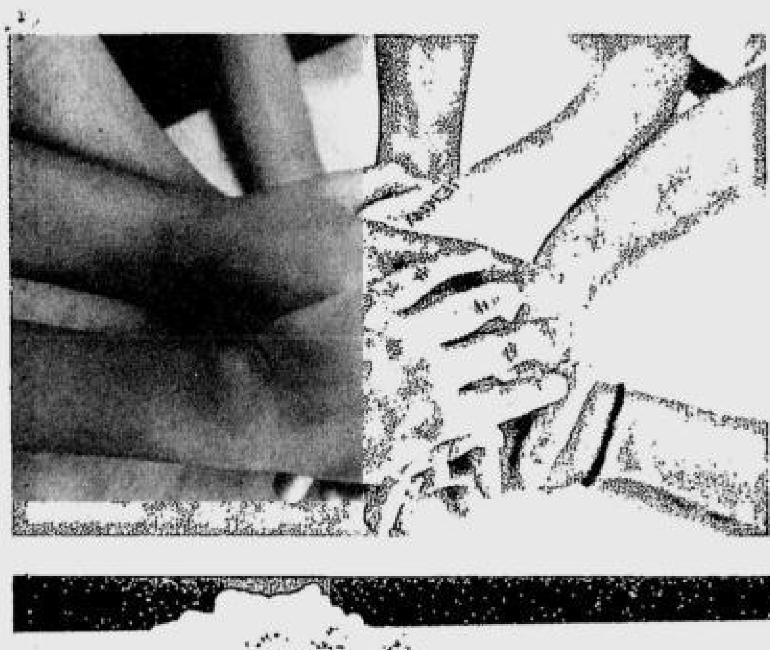

"I USED to look down on myself when I was still at the city jail. But here, I can feel that ... we are being given a chance to reform," said Joseph, a youthful offender staying in the "home."

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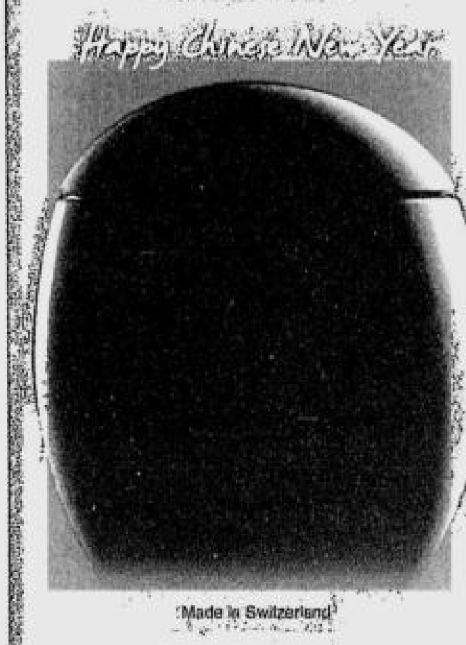

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Retirement is not in this priest's vocabulary

By Margaux C. Ortiz

TALES OF THE CITY

AT 92, FR. PIERRE TRITZ HAS every reason to relax and just spend time with his brothers and sisters in his native France.

But Tritz, who gave up his French citizenship to become a Filipino many years ago, has no intention of doing so.

His blue eyes twinkling, the Jesuit priest declared in an interview with the INQUIRER that he would continue to help underprivileged Filipino children for as long as he lives.

"There will be no retirement for me," Tritz said in a soft but clear voice. "I will work for as long as I can."

His unwavering dedication to the welfare of poor Filipino children has not gone unnoticed. Last month, the French government made Tritz an officer (*officier*) of its Order of Legion of Honor (*Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur*).

Ambassador Gerard Chesnel presented him with an insignia of a rosette (small rose) and a certificate signed by French President Jacques Chirac during the conferment ceremony held at the Erda Technical and Vocational Secondary School in Pandacan, Manila.

Chesnel acknowledged the Jesuit's efforts in putting up four nongovernment organizations in the Philippines—the Educational Research and Development Assistance (Erda), Foundation for the Assistance to Hansenites (Fahan), Erda Tech Foundation and Albert Schweitzer Association-Philippines (Asap).

Tritz is the president of the four NGOs which, for the past decades, have been helping disadvantaged Filipino children. Erda and Erda Tech Foundation provide poor children with an education and technical skills to help them find work and improve their lives. Asap, on the other hand, gives help to child prisoners while Fahan assists leprosy patients and their families.

"In 1974, he became a Filipino citizen not because he had any disagreement with his homeland, but because he wanted to facilitate his relations with government agencies dealing with the welfare of children," Chesnel told the audience during the awarding ceremony.

"In return, France was not vindictive at all, and has (even) awarded him two prestigious decorations: Chevalier of the *Legion d'Honneur* in 1996 and the Chevalier of the *Ordre National du Merite* in 1993," the French ambassador said.

Tritz arrived in the Philippines in 1950 and became administrator for two years of a Jesuit center that housed missionaries from China.

In 1952, Salvador Araneta, owner and president of Araneta University, donated a building in Novaliches to the Jesuits. In return, he asked Tritz to be the chaplain of his school.

"I could not refuse because of *utang na loob* (debt of gratitude)," Tritz said with a chuckle.

He was busy for the next several years as he also taught psychology courses at Ateneo de Manila University, University of the East and Far Eastern University.

But in the 1960s, he read an article by a Department of Education official on the alarming dropout situation in the Philippines.

"The article by Tomas Garcia disclosed that out of 100 first grade students, only 50 were able to finish elementary school," Erda Tech administrator Maria Wilhelmina Martinez said.

Martinez, whose father was Tritz's good friend, said the article disturbed the Jesuit priest.

"He wanted to do something about it, but it was in 1974, when he had more time on his hands, that he was able to take action," Martinez said.

Tritz funded a project called Operasyon Balik Paaralan (OBP) and asked his students to look for children who had dropped out of school before finishing first grade.

"Everybody enthusiastically volunteered for the task," Martinez recalled, adding she was among the hundreds of students involved in the project.

"Father Tritz was very charismatic and engaging. He was able to convince and encourage his students that there were a lot of things they could do to help those kids," she said.

The Jesuit priest may have acquired his inclination for altruism from his deeply religious family, according to Martinez.

"In fact, each family in the town of Bouzonville where he grew up had at least one (member who was a) priest or nun," she said.

Tritz's sister, Catherine, who died last year, was a Carmelite nun in Lucena City.

His brother, Jean, also a Jesuit priest, became a missionary in Madagascar and helped build a leprosarium there. Jean died in his adoptive hometown in 1998.

Martinez said Tritz's initiative in 1974 evolved into different programs focusing on health, community and livelihood services, and the rights of children.

The Jesuit likewise helped in the construction of Erda Tech school in Pandacan, Manila in 1994 to provide technical and vocational (tech-voc) training for young people.

"We recognized how high-school graduates in the Philippines were more academic-oriented which deprived them of work that required technical skills," Martinez said.

She added that the school's formal and nonformal programs assisted around 800 youths every year.

"Father Tritz has been pushing for more young people to go to Erda Tech since the building could accommodate as many as 2,000 students," she said.

"But the (students) are not coming in," she said. She noted that advanced countries like Japan, Germany and Taiwan trained their young people in technical skills to get them ready for work.

"About 85 percent of donations to our foundation come from rich European countries such as France, Belgium, Germany, Spain and Switzerland," Tritz said.

In his letters to potential donors, he explains how they help street children by sending them to school. "Instead of money, we give these children something that they can use to improve their lives," he said.

After spending the day at the Erda Foundation office in Quezon City, Tritz proceeds to the Hospital of the Infant Jesus in Sampaloc, Manila where he is the resident chaplain.

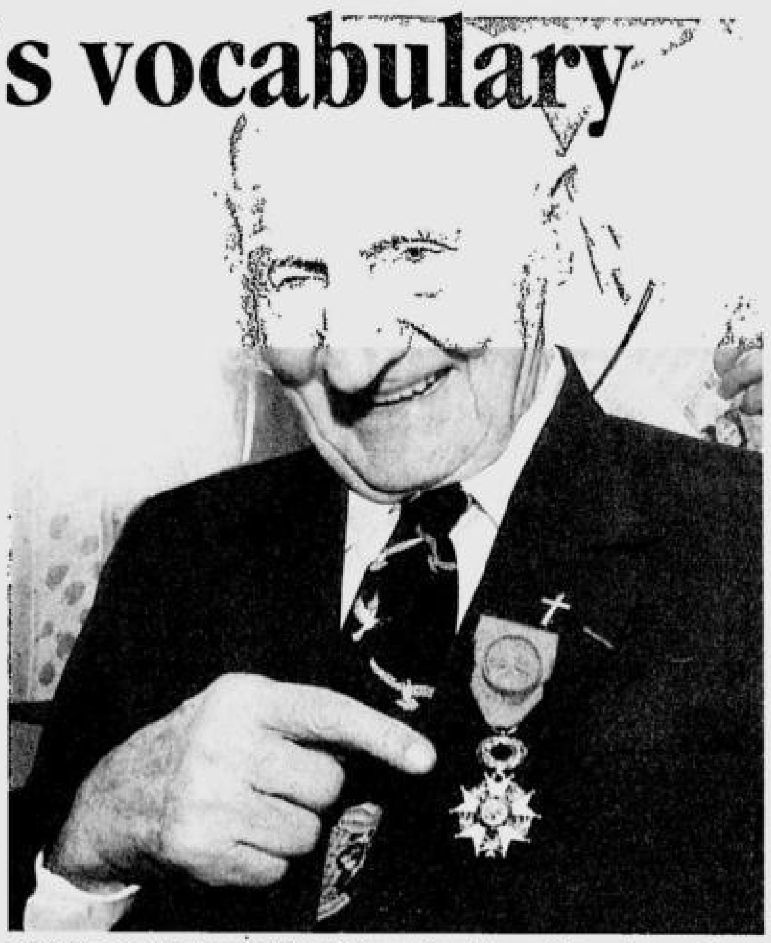
He spends the night there after performing his duties such as baptizing newborns or children in critical condition.

Tritz also celebrates Holy Mass every morning and provides for the spiritual needs of hospital patients, mostly children.

According to him, working 24 hours a day in the service of others has been more than fulfilling.

"It is enough for me to see all these uneducated or sick children go home happy at the end of the day," he said.

THE FRENCH government, through its Ambassador, Gerard Chesnel, last month recognized Tritz's various achievements by making him an officer (*officier*) of its Order of Legion of Honor (*Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur*).



JESUIT priest Fr. Pierre Tritz: I will continue to work for as long as I can.

PHOTOS BY RUDY ESPERAS

Las Piñas forms 'private army' against dengue

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE LAS PIÑAS GOVERNMENT is forming its own private army, not for the upcoming elections, but to fight dengue.

Mayor Imelda Aguilar has ordered the creation of a working group to combat the mosquito-borne menace. She also directed health personnel to help in the campaign.

Called "Task Force On Dengue," the group is composed of representatives from the city health department, Environmental Sanitation Center, Clean and Green Council, Sanitation Office, engineering department, various barangays, homeowners' association and city schools.

The task force will be in charge of spearheading the cleanup drive to reduce dengue cases in the city, even though Las Piñas has been spared from an outbreak in past months.

"I am reiterating my appeal to all residents, homeowners associations, school teachers and barangay officials to fight and eliminate the breeding sites of mosquito larvae in their respective areas to fight the deadly dengue virus effectively," Aguilar said.

She also called on residents to prevent the spread of dengue-carrying mosquitoes by not storing clean water in open containers.

Mosquito larvae or "*kiti-kiti*" are known to breed in stagnant and clean water.

In addition, Aguilar ordered the city health office to undertake a massive house-to-house information campaign to teach the public how to avoid contracting dengue and other water-borne diseases.

All doctors and health workers in Las Piñas' more than 30 health centers will be tapped for the information drive.

Residents were also reminded to clean their backyards of tin cans, used or old tires and other containers where water can accumulate and serve as a breeding ground for dengue-carrying mosquitos.

Mayor Aguilar also revived the "Dengue Brigade" which aims to mobilize elementary and high school students in the information campaign against the disease.

Palace declares Feb. 13 a holiday in Parañaque

By Jocelyn R. Uy

MALACAÑANG HAS DECLARED Feb. 13 a special nonworking holiday in Parañaque in celebration of the city's ninth anniversary.

According to the city's public information office, there will be no work in private and public offices while classes will be suspended in all levels on Tuesday to allow residents to join the celebration.

"I am elated that Malacañang has declared anew Feb. 13 as a special holiday so that residents will be able to fully appreciate the anniversary of our cityhood with their families," Mayor Florencio Bernabe said in a statement yesterday.

To kick off the celebration, the city government will sponsor a free concert today at 6 p.m. at the El Shaddai Open Field on Sucat Road. Performing are concert queen Pops Fernandez, rapper Francis Magalona, comedians Alan K., Teri Onor and Gladys Guevara and bands like Parokya ni Edgar and Kamikazee.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education, Division of Cagayan, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project.

Name of Project	Supply and Delivery of School Furniture CY 2006
Location	Various Schools in the Division of Cagayan
Brief Description	Package A – Elementary Tables and Chairs w/ Teacher's Table & Chair Package B – Secondary Armchairs w/ Teachers Table & Chair
Funding Source	GOP through the GAA CY 2006 (75% Allocation)
Contract Duration	120 Calendar days from the date of acceptance of Notice to Proceed

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the I.R.R. of R.A. 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stocks belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in the R.A. 5183. Only bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II. Instruction to Bidders of the Bidding Documents.

Bids in excess of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) per lot shall be rejected.

Package	Description	Bid Security		Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in Php
		1% Certified check, cashiers check, managers check, bank draft, or irrevocable letter of credit	1.5 % Bank guarantee	
A	Elementary Tables & Chairs w/ Teacher's Table & Chair (1 teacher's table & chair for every 25 sets of elementary table & chair)	74,440.00	111,660.00	7,444,000.00
B	Secondary Armchairs (1 teacher's table & chair for every 50 units of secondary armchair)	23,460.00	35,190.00	2,346,000.00

The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

activity	date	venue
Issuance of Bid Documents	February 12-28, 2007	Division Office Conference Room Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Tel. No. (078) 844-8956
Pre-bid Conference	March 2, 2007, 10:00 AM	Division Office Conference Room Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Tel. No. (078) 844-8956
Submission & Opening of Bids	March 14, 2007, 10:00 AM	Division Office Conference Room Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Tel. No (078) 844-8956

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php2,000.00 to the DepED Division of Cagayan Cashier.

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(Sgd.) LORNA B. MANAUIS
BAC Chairman
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Troubled minors find hope . . .

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"We let them do household chores as part of the rehabilitation so they will also experience the life they had not experienced in jail or in their own homes," Sarte said.

It is a new life 20-year-old Joseph is savoring.

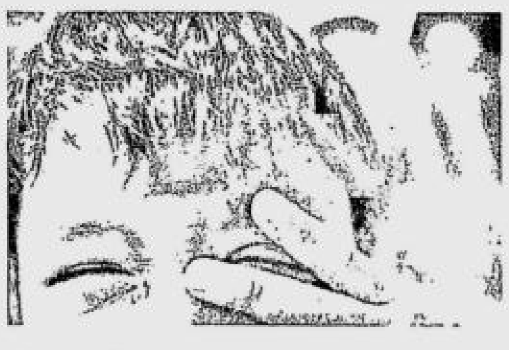
He was only 17 when he was jailed for illegal possession of firearms. His case still pending before the court, he was among the original batch of children transferred from the city jail to their new home.

"I used to look down on myself when I was still at the city jail. But here, I can feel that even if we are still detained, we are being given a chance to reform," Joseph, who acts as one of the leaders of the group, told the INQUIRER.

Preparing to eat fried milk fish with two cups of rice on Friday noon, he recalled the bland taste of food being rationed to them at the city jail.

In there, he was surrounded by adult suspects, some of whom tried to recruit him into their robbery group, he added.

According to Joseph, their frail bodies also became easy canvasses for bored adult suspects who would draw tattoos.



THIRTEEN children are staying in the facility, which also welcomes abuse victims and the homeless.

Simple hopes

Miguel has simple hopes for the children: "For me, a success story is seeing them having a direction in their lives, getting a decent job even with a small salary and not having to go back to their old ways."

Three pairs of guards from City Hall work in round-the-clock shifts at the house. Sarte gets a meager allowance for the children from the city social welfare, where she and Miguel serve as consultants. But just as it is financially straining, the mission is also rewarding.

Sarte gets help and not judgment from her two children, who visit the house regularly. Her 23-year-old daughter gives her supplies for the children while her 25-year-old son drops by to play with them. "They help me pay for the electricity and other expenses," Sarte added.

But another daunting task is reforming the parents of these children.

Miguel fears that with all the work they have done and are willing to do, many parents would just find it more convenient to completely abandon their children to Sarte's care.

Some children at the house have not received visitors for some time, he noted.

Sarte said they have started a "parents effectiveness seminar" for the mothers and fathers of children in the facility as well as those who had been released. The seminar is being conducted by the city social welfare division.

But the bigger challenge for Sarte is reforming the community.

Her neighbors on C. Cruz Street were initially opposed to the idea of having the facility in the middle of the quiet neighborhood.

Sarte had to explain to them the need to reform these children, to give them another chance instead of judging them.

"My dream is to have a community which would understand these children, instead of ostracizing them. I hope our communities will be more open to embracing these children who need our love and understanding," she said.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Isabela, through its Bids and Awards Committee, is inviting interested distributors, wholesalers and / or suppliers in the pre-eligibility *activity and to participate in the sealed competitive bidding for the procurement of DRUGS and MEDICINES, and MEDICAL/SURGICAL/DENTAL/X-RAY/ LABORATORY SUPPLIES*

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02 – MEDICAL / SURGICAL / DENTAL / X-RAY / LABORATORY SUPPLIES	P 6,000,000.00	P 6,000.00

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation, and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SCHEDULE OF BIDDING ACTIVITIES:

Availability of Bid Documents	February 12-14, 2007, 8 am to 5 pm at the BAC Secretariat's Office, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela.
Pre-Bid Conference	February 15, 2007 at 10 am, Governor's Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela
Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bids	February 27, 2007 at 9:30 am, BAC Secretariat's Office, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela
Opening of Bids	February 27, 2007 at 10:00 am, Governor's Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela
Approved Budget for the Contract	Php 25 million

Complete set of bid proposals/forms may be acquired from the BAC Secretariat's Office, Capitol, Ilagan, Isabela upon payment of non-refundable bidding fee stated above at the Provincial Treasurer's Office.

The Provincial Government of Isabela reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal has been evaluated by the BAC as the most advantageous. The Provincial Government assumes no obligations whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bids, neither does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) MA. THERESA ARANETA-FLORES
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This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world, and wherever work can be contracted to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

2 LOVE STORIES

Navy man desperately misses US-based wife, junks career

LOVE CAN NEVER BE SWEETER THAN THIS: Raymund and Melissa, who's taking up nursing in New Jersey, at their church wedding at St. Ignatius Cathedral in Camp Aguinaldo

By Marc Anthony Camasura and Rufino Lopez III
Contributors

NO ONE CAN HAVE IT BOTH WAYS; EITHER you journey with the tide or go against it. That is how life flows.

But for 25-year-old Ensign Raymund Golez, an officer of the Philippine Navy, he was willing to sacrifice the stability that came with his job and let go of the oath he took almost four years ago: to serve, protect and defend the motherland.

"Mundoy," as he is fondly called by his friends, let go of it all for his one and only love, his wife Melissa, 24.

For the past three years of his military career; he only enjoyed the company of his wife twice a year and on average of no more than three weeks.

"I just want to be with her. I don't want to have another long-distance relationship," said the officer who resigned Dec. 1.

It's not that the couple didn't attempt to live here in the Philippines, but it's more of Melissa wanting to stay in the United States because of the better opportunities compared with here.

Savings

"She stayed here with me for six months last year," said Raymund, nephew of Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez. "At that time she was planning to pursue a career in the field of medicine."

But Melissa, who was born in the US and whose parents are Caviteños, eventually decided to return to the US and study nursing.

Raymund now feels he must relinquish his life in the Navy and pursue a business career.

Earning the basic salary of an ensign (rank equivalent to the Army's first lieutenant, 1LT) of P16,000 plus other benefits, Raymund's life might be called settled.

Through the years of service, he had saved a substantial amount of money enough to put food on the table and support a family.

"All I got saved right now is more or less P180,000. It won't even be enough for a month's stay in the States," he said.

Unfortunately, for Raymund, in the States he will have to stay with Melissa in his mother-in-law's house.

They will do so until he lands a stable job that could afford rent and other expenses while Melissa pursues her nursing studies.

Citizenship

"If we plan to go down low, we would just have to eat at McDonald's every time, it would cost us $30 per day and that's for three meals alone, not to mention the rent, water, electricity and other expenses," he said.

Until last December, he was assigned in Naval Construction Brigate (Seabees) in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

"I was transferred there and the good thing about it is I was able to adjust from ship life to office work," he said.

"Since I have a mandatory eight years of service, I have to pay for the remaining four years. It's kind of tough on the pocket, but I have made my decision."

The transfer is helping Raymund to adjust to office work because it is very different from being on the ship. "I get to handle papers and learn how things are done in the office, which is like in the business world."

If all goes well and runs smoothly, Raymund might be able to leave for the US after the Holy week for good. He resigned last December.

Beauty contestant

Raymund met Melissa in a beauty pageant for Filipino-Americans in Maryland in 2002, where Melissa was a contestant and Raymund the escort.

Melissa then had a boyfriend, although they were having a rocky relationship.

They talked and clicked at once. After three years of courtship, they got married in civil rites on Oct. 22, 2005. They had a church wedding on the same day the following year at St. Ignatius Cathedral in Camp Aguinaldo.

As soon as he gets to the States, Raymund plans to get into business.

"I guess I'll be-a corporate employee first and if I save more than enough for my family, I'll eventually put up a business of my own," he said.

Future plans

He plans to take it one step at a time because he knows his time will come.

"I'll consult some career advisers; they have that in the States. They help you find a job." This adventurer dreams of owning his own house and raising three kids.

"*Gusto ko simpleng buhay lang pero may* beemer (BMW M3). *Ah, basta 'yung latest,*" exclaimed Raymund.

Raymund was born in St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City to proud parents Commodore Ferdinand Golez and Shirley, a retired nurse.

After his high school graduation, he took the Philippine Military Academy entrance exams and made it to the Top 20.

Two months of summer training at Fort Del Pilar in Baguio City, he applied for and passed the USNA entrance exam and became one of the few Filipino students to enter the academy after the United States pulled out their bases in the Philippines.

He stayed there for four years and finished mechanical engineering, considered one of the hardest courses in the USNA.

"I like challenges, so when they asked what course I'll take, I asked first one of my batchmates about the hardest course and he told me that it's Mech-Eng. Not knowing how hard, I took that as a challenge."

Back in the Philippines, he was always at the top of the class, but in USNA Raymund was an average student.

"*Ang hirap ng* course *ko,* and I was just aiming to pass. *Sabi ko sa sarili ko na pinasok mo 'yan, panindigan mo.*"

But he wants to see one of his kids graduate in USNA. "That's every USNA graduate's dream," he said.

Best years of their lives, even if spent apart

By Aiza Camille O. España
Contributor

MY MOTHER AND I WERE SITTING BY THE dining table, drinking cold milk on an early morning in January. I said, "Ma, tell me your love story."

I am turning 22 this year but it was only then that I had asked about my parents' love story. She said, "Wait, let me remember."

My mother had the look of someone trying to recall the past with both excitement and embarrassment. "We got married 1977, this year's going to be our 30th year together but your father had spent more years 'together' with a ship more than with me."

I thought of the many occasions my father had missed celebrating with us and felt sad how he missed all the special moments of my life and that of my two other sisters, Sarah and Kirstie. But mom smiled, "It was great though, in fact the best."

How they met

My mother is from Paniqui, Tarlac, while my father from Bani, Pangasinan. She was in first year college taking BS Accountancy at the University of the East on Recto Avenue when he met her; he had just completed his two-year diploma course in Associate in Marine Engineering at the Philippine Maritime Institute in Escolta. They lived in the same apartment home. He was occupying the upper room with his mother and a cousin while she lived with an uncle and his wife on the first floor.

"He just came one afternoon, straight inside the house, asking me for a solution to an accounting problem," she related to me with a grin. "Then later on, maybe a week or two, he accompanied me to enroll for the first semester. I was just in second year college then," she added. And after that day, they became a couple.

Getting married

Funny to hear how my mother had planned to break up with my father after he made her pay for two glasses of *halo-halo* they had eaten one *merienda* break. "He was older by three years and by virtue of being a man who would be handling his own family someday, he must be the one who should pay for those refreshments," she said.

My mother never got to finish that semester. "He was not sure about me and when he saw my high school boy friends visiting me, he really felt insecure." Half-smiling, she continued: "When he came to visit me the next time, he was carrying this big bag and asked me to go with him to the province." She paused and laughed, "The bag was full of money, only they were not his but he had the guts to run away with me, and I gave in."

MARK and Rhea España in 2002: He is her untiring suitor; she is his perpetual girlfriend.

After a two-week stay at my father's relatives, his uncles decided that the two should be married. "They even wanted me to sign a waiver that your father did not force me to come with him," she recalled. "Well, I was just 18 then, that's why."

Since both were their families' breadwinners—their marriage came as a big disappointment. My mother is the eldest of five children of a carpenter father and a plain-housewife mother. They had high hopes for her—the pride, the first-born. She even promised them not to marry until she was 30 when she left for Manila to study.

My father, on the other hand, was the *unico hijo*. He should have been living a good and well-supported life but not after his father, a marine soldier, was assigned in Quezon province when he was 3 years old. That was the last time he saw my grandfather.

My parents had a poor beginning. They did not have even a decent chair; empty boxes would pass as their sala set. No television. No radio. Nothing. She stayed at home doing the laundry, washing the dishes and cleaning the house. He worked part-time for his father-in-law who by then was already a foreman. "It was hard, we barely had money," my mother said.

The sacrifice

She decided to look for a job. She worked as a utensil steward for Aloha Hotel at Roxas Boulevard. "I was in-charge of drying kitchen utensils," she said. She transferred to Regent Hotel after a few months with the same job. "It was the first time, I experienced going out then, even my first time to eat at Goldilocks and watch a movie with friends." My mother told me how she got hooked on the "exploring experience" and how it affected the relationship she had with my father. "He was always drunk every time I came home, how it hurt his ego that I was working while he was not." And time came when she quit working and sacrificed the opportunities she had—all for my father.

He worked harder. He reported for office every day, proving his worth for a chance to be included in the next lineup to man a ship as a crew member. Two years after, he had his first ride. He started with the lowest position, normally called "*tiktik-kalawang*" and he literally did such work.

My mother, born a thrifty person, was able to manage and pay all their debts with my father's monthly remittance and she got to buy home appliances, one by one. "We got to pay our debts while he was 'away' but when he returned home, we began accumulating debts again," my mother said. "That's when I urged him to take the exams be promoted and to earn more. Why be a crew member when you could be the master, I just don't want him to be away from us for nothing." My father took the exams once every two years.

"We have a *sala* set now and great appliances," she said. Indeed we have a great house, few hectares of rice field, farm animals and some apartments and rooms for rent.

I've suddenly come to realize and appreciate more the love my father has for us—it was an unconditional love, unselfish, sacrificial.

The love

I admire how my parents' love has survived even though they are miles apart. My father calls her every now and then ever since the global roaming telecom service started. They still engage in "baby talk" even if we tease them relentlessly.

My 50-year-old father sends her bouquets of roses and cakes even though he's in the middle of the Red Sea. My 48-year-old mother writes him letters at least twice a week.

They have a name for each other: My mother is my father's "perpetual girlfriend" and my father is my mother's "untiring suitor."

US: Deadliest bomb in Baghdad made by Iran

WASHINGTON—THE MOST LETHAL WEAPON directed against US troops in Baghdad is an explosive-packed cylinder that US intelligence asserts is being supplied by Iran.

The assertion of an Iranian role in supplying the device to Shiite militias reflects broad agreement among US intelligence agencies, although officials acknowledge that the picture is not entirely complete.

In interviews, civilian and military officials from a broad range of government agencies provided specific details to support what until now has been a more generally worded claim, in a new National Intelligence Estimate, that Iran is providing "lethal support" to Shiite militants in Iraq.

The main focus of US concern is the weapon known as an "explosively formed penetrator," a particularly deadly type of roadside bomb being used almost exclusively by Shiite groups in attacks on US troops in Iraq. Attacks using the device have doubled in the past year; the device causes casualties on a scale far higher than other roadside bombs.

In late 2006, attacks using the weapons accounted for a significant portion of Americans killed and wounded in Iraq, though far less than half of the total, according to military officials.

Because the weapon can be fired from the side of the road and is favored by Shiite militias, it has become particularly serious threat in Baghdad. Only a small fraction of the roadside bombs used in Iraq are explosively formed penetrators. But the device produces more casualties per attack than other types of roadside bombs.

The link that US intelligence has drawn to Iran is based on an analysis of captured devices, examination of debris following attacks, and intelligence on training of Shiite militants.

The Bush administration is expected to make public this weekend some of what intelligence agencies regard as an increasing body of evidence pointing to an Iranian link.

Information expected to be made public this weekend includes interrogation reports from a Jan. 11 raid in northern Iraq and an earlier raid in Baghdad indicating that money and weapons components are being brought into Iraq from Iran by night. One of the detainees has identified an Iranian operative as having supplied bombs.

According to US intelligence, Iran has excelled in developing this type of bomb. The manufacture of the key metal components required sophisticated machinery, raw material and expertise that US intelligence agencies do not believe exist in Iraq. Some components of the bombs have been found with Iranian factory markings from 2006.

New York Times News Service

US, North Korea inch closer to nuclear deal

WASHINGTON—NORTH KOREA and the united States appeared to be inching closer to a deal that would establish a schedule for Pyongyang to shut down and seal its main nuclear facilities within two months, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The newspaper said that North Korea was expected to receive in return shipments of fuel oil from South Korea and talks over normalization of relations with Washington.

But the top American envoy negotiating the deal cautioned that the two sides remained stuck on "one or two" small issues.

"Nothing is agreed unless everything is agreed," Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill is quoted by the paper as saying. "So I just want to be careful about predicting success tomorrow." But in Washington, officials at the White House and the State Department were preparing for a major announcement this weekend, and described the agreement as very different from the nuclear freeze that the Clinton administration negotiated in 1994, the report said.

"This is the Libya model," The Times quotes one senior administration official as saying, referring to Libya's decision in late 2003 to turn over all the equipment it had purchased from the secret nuclear network run by the Pakistani scientist, Abdul Qadeer Khan.

In that agreement, both the Libyans and the United States took a series of steps that rid the country of nuclear technology and ended its isolation.

It is still unclear exactly what sort of timeline North Korea would agree to, and how quickly it would turn over the plutonium it has produced, along with whatever weapons it may have built, the paper said.

In the past, the Bush administration has said it would never agree to the kind of "freeze" that former president Bill Clinton signed, because North Korea was not forced to give up its weapons fuel before it reaped rewards, the report said.

Administration officials say this agreement would be different, because the biggest benefits for the North would come only after it allowed in inspectors, sealed its facilities and began to give up its weapons, The Times noted. *AFP*

Autopsy gives no fast clues to Smith's death

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Playmates Pick Cars That Drive Girls Wild

AS A MEDICAL EXAMINER ON one coast conducted an autopsy and a judge on another coast ordered her body preserved for 10 days, Anna Nicole Smith monopolized the gaudy, gossipy celebrity stage on Friday as she had tried to do in life.

The medical examiner in Broward County, Fla., called her death "sudden, unexpected and unexplained," and said more tests were needed to determine the cause. Smith, 39, a former Playboy model who became a pop-culture punch line in the 1990s after she married an octogenarian tycoon, was found dead Thursday in a hotel suite in Hollywood, Fla.

Friday was a day of almost nonstop coverage by cable television networks, and a day when a third man said he could have fathered Smith's 5-month-old daughter, joining the two men already fighting over paternity.

It was a day when the police chief whose officers were dispatched to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino put to rest a rumor that had swirled in the scramble for details on Smith's final days—that her companion, Howard K. Stern, was flushing away drugs when paramedics arrived.

The chief, Charlie Tiger of the Seminole Police Department—which had jurisdiction because the hotel is on American Indian land—said, "None of our officers who arrived on scene saw anything like that."

The medical examiner said only prescription drugs were found in the room.

In California, the judge in the paternity case over Smith's daughter, Dannielynn, denied a request for immediate DNA samples from Smith's body. The judge, Robert Schneider of Los Angeles County Superior Court, also turned down a request for custody from Larry Birkhead, an ex-boyfriend who is contesting Stern's paternity.

Stern is listed on the girl's birth certificate as the father. But yet another man said Friday that he might be the father. Prince Frederick von Anhalt, 59, who is married to the actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, 90, told The Associated Press that he and Smith had had an affair since the mid-1990s.

"If you go back from September," when Smith gave birth, Prince Frederick said, "she wasn't with one of those guys; she was with me." *NYT*

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Second Land Administration and Management Project (LAMPII)

Request for Expressions of Interest

The Republic of the Philippines thru the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has received a loan from the World Bank and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the following contracts of Detailed Engineering Design (DED) for the Second Land Administration and Management Project (LAMPII)

1. **Conduct of a Detailed Engineering Design (DED) for the Expansion/Renovation of the One Stop Shop (OSS) located in Leyte**

   The OSS established in Leyte provided land administration services to only six pilot municipalities of LAMP1. The design of the OSS was not able to factor in the expansion of operations to the whole province. The current OSS, especially in terms of records management and storage and manpower expansion, can support the LAMP2 implementation efficiently only until the end of year 2006. Given this, there is a need to renovate/expand the OSS to accommodate increased volume of transactions and to support the expanded operations of the OSS.

   The assignment includes the architectural design, detailed engineering design with design analysis and cost estimates taking into consideration workflow and the space requirements for staff/operations, customer areas and records storage to house Compactus® and management for the OSS renovation/expansion in Candahug, Palo, Leyte.

2. **Conduct of a Detailed Engineering Design (DED) for the Construction of One Stop Shop (OSS) located in Bohol and in two (2) other provinces that are yet to be identified**

   To improve the Land Administration System, a One Stop Shop will be established under a Co-Management and Co-Location agreement between Department and Natural Resources (DENR), Land Registration Authority (LRA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned. The administration of all related land ownership activities will be integrated under one roof. These activities include the land ownership processing of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), the approval actions of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), the registration and title activities of the Register of Deeds (ROD) and the land reform and community development activities of the Municipal Agrarian Reform Office (MARO).

   The assignment entails the architectural design, detailed engineering design with design analysis and cost estimates, taking into consideration the workflow in the processing of OSS transaction and adequate space to house Compactus®, land records, equipment and staff ROD, Provincial Project Implementation Office (PPIO) and OSS participating agencies; design for the provision of records security and protection from damages, client focus and costumer satisfaction orientation and transparency in transaction

The DENR now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must submit their Expression of Interest (EOI), Company Profile including the list of projects handled on or before February 21, 2007, 16:00 hrs. to the following address:

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The firm will be selected following the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualifications (CQS) method in accordance with the *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers,* May 2004.

Interested Firms may obtain further information and the prescribed format for submission at the address above starting Monday, February 12, 2007 from 08:00-17:00 hrs.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH
Assistant Secretary and Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee for
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery of one (1) unit Security Appliance/Firewall

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*, through a UK Grant intends to apply the sum of *P400,000.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *the supply and delivery of one (1) unit security appliance/firewall.* Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for *the supply and delivery of one (1) unit security appliance/firewall.* The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, **Instruction to Bidders (ITB).**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY-BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of P2,500.00. The method of payment will be *CASH.* The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* will hold a **Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *February 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.*** at the *NFA Boardroom, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City.*

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at the *NFA Boardroom, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City* on March 6, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in either of the following form and amount.

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC
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Any combination of the above	Proportionate to share

Bid opening shall be on *March 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.* at the *NFA Boardroom, 6th floor, Philsugin Bldg., North Avenue, Quezon City.* Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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WORLDBRIEFS

Jerusalem calm after day of clashes

JERUSALEM—Calm returned on Saturday to Jerusalem's streets a day after Palestinian demonstrators clashed with police over Israeli renovations near the revered Al-Aqsa mosque left 35 people wounded. The renovations which triggered the clashes near the Old City's Dung Gate are scheduled to resume next week, having broken off for the Sabbath Jewish day of rest, Rosenfeld added. Muslim leaders in Jerusalem, meanwhile, promised to continue their protests against the work to a stone ramp leading from Dung Gate to Al-Aqsa mosque compound, the site Jews call the Temple Mount and known as the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims. "We have a full program of protests for the coming weeks in order to stop the Israeli crimes against the Al-Aqsa mosque," the third holiest place in Islam, said head of the Islamic movement in Israel, Sheikh Raed Salah. "Continuing the work will increase the tension and anger among Palestinians and in the Arab-Islamic world," Salah added. *AFP*

Hospital van dumps homeless on Skid Row

LOS ANGELES—Police said a man, who was dragging a broken colostomy bag behind him, was dumped on the sidewalk in one of the worst parts of the city by the driver of a hospital van. The area is the same location where city officials say hospitals have dumped the homeless before. But, even on Skid Row, it was shocking: a paraplegic man in a soiled gown sliding along the sidewalk with his hands, clutching a plastic bag with his belongings between his teeth. Witnesses, all homeless people, began shouting, "Where is his wheelchair? Where is his walker?" Detective Russ Long said Friday. They told officers the driver responded that the man defecated in the van and had to be removed. Last month, 875 people were living on the streets surrounding Skid Row, according to a Police Department count. That compares to 1,345 people at about the same time last year. *AP*

Nigeria investigating foreign journalists

ABUJA—Nigerian security agencies have been investigating "subversive" activities by some foreign correspondents, Information Minister Frank Nweke said on Friday. In a statement mainly devoted to attacking a report on Nigeria by US television station CNN, Nweke denounced what he called "the stereotypical apocalyptic picture some Western media construct of Nigeria and Africa." The report on kidnapping in the Niger Delta, he said, "is another evidence of the subversive activities of some foreign correspondents in Nigeria which the Nigerian security agencies have been investigating." A CNN spokesperson in Atlanta said: "We stand by the story and we refute the allegations." Some Nigerian journalists have been arrested in past months over political stories, drawing international criticism, but there have been no recent examples of foreign reporters facing serious problems with the authorities. *Reuters*

New bird flu cases in S. Korea, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan and South Korea reported new bird flu cases in poultry on Saturday, underlining findings by the United Nations that this season's wave of the virus came mostly from reared rather than migratory birds. David Nabarro, the UN coordinator for avian and human flu, said that migrating birds carried the virus last season, probably from Mongolia to China and South Korea. But he told a news conference at the United Nations on Friday: "We suspect that one of the reasons for the current spread has more to do with trade in live birds than to do with the movement of the virus through wild birds." Since late last year, outbreaks of avian flu have swept from Asia to Britain, as well as touching Egypt and Nigeria. On Saturday, health authorities in Pakistan confirmed H5N1 in the capital, Islamabad, in what is the country's third case this week. South Korea confirmed its sixth case of bird flu on Saturday despite the culling of poultry after earlier cases, raising concerns that quarantine measures had failed to control the outbreak. *Reuters*

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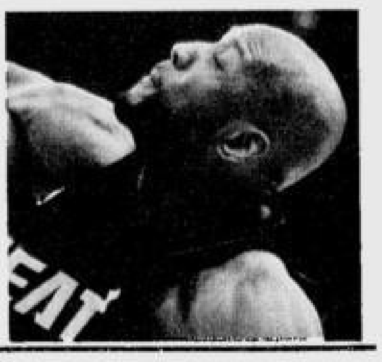

Que two off lead with 68; Miñoza four behind

QUE: Two eagles

MIÑOZA: Rally

KUALA LUMPUR—IT WAS ANGELO Que's turn to shine Saturday as the 2004 Vietnam Open champion, catching fire in the last six holes, shot a four-under-par 68 and found himself just two strokes off the third-round lead in the $1.29 million Maybank Malaysian Open.

Que had two eagles and a birdie to cap a four-under 32 on the back side and advanced from 20th place to a tie for second at 5-under 211 with American Edward Loar (72) and Thai Prom Meesawat (70).

Ricardo Gonzalez of Argentina (69) and Marcus Higley of England (70) emerged new frontrunners with 7-under 209 totals while four players were deadlocked at 4-under 212 to set the stage for a mad scramble for top honors in this event jointly sanctioned by the Asian Tour and European Tour.

Striking distance

Philippine Open champion Frankie Miñoza also stayed within striking distance at 3-under 213 as he rallied with a 71 after gunning down birdies on the 13th, 15th and 18th holes.

And RP Open runner-up Gerald Rosales, the third Filipino who made it to the weekend play, assured himself of another good payday by climbing to a tie for 22nd place with a 70 for a 1-under 215 total.

Que, who had earlier rounds of 70-73, eagled the par-5 13th and the par-4 17th to sandwich a birdie on No. 15 as he produced one of the day's frontrunning 68 at the Saujana Golf and Country Club.

Also shooting 68s were Peter Hedbloom of Sweden (212), Ignacio Garrido of Spain (213) and Terry Pilkadiris of Australia (214).

Thai teenager Chinarat Phadungsil, who grabbed the second-round lead with a 67, had 10 more strokes this time with a 77 and dropped to a tie for 2-under 214.

Biggest stars

Meanwhile, Lee Westwood proved the highest placed among the biggest stars in the field as he stood at even par 216 after a 71. Fellow Ryder Cupper Darren Clark of Northern Ireland was at 217 after another 71.

Thomas Bjorn of Denmark had a 74 for 219 while 2005 US Open champion Michael Campbell of New Zealand was among the tailenders at 223 after a 78.

Asian Tour News

DAVIS CUP DOUBLES

Mamiit, Taino give RP crucial 2-1 cushion

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINES' BIGGEST GUNS JUST STOPPED A MAJOR foreign scare.

Battling in the Davis Cup Asia Oceania Group II tie at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center, the tested Fil-Am tandem of Cecil Mamiit and Eric Taino came back from an opening-set loss to capture the doubles match yesterday and push the host country within a win of clinching the three-day duel against Pakistan.

CECIL Mamiit prepares to launch a backhand to the Pakistani side of the court in yesterday's doubles match in the Davis Cup.

RODEL ROTONI

Mamiit and Taino, who captured a bronze medal in the men's doubles of last year's Asian Games, prevailed 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 over Aqeel Khan and Asim Shafik to give the Filipinos a 2-1 lead going into today's reverse singles.

The two were tasked to play doubles over Johnny Arcilla and P.J. Tierro after splitting their opening singles last Friday.

TAINO RODEL ROTONI

"We got off to a slow start and got frustrated in the process," admitted Taino in front of the crowd that stayed on for the on-court interview. "But Cecil managed to get us right back into the match and hopefully he can come up with a victory tomorrow."

Mamiit hopes to secure the tie against Aqeel Khan in the first reverse singles today at 10 a.m., followed by Taino's match against Jalil Khan.

Aqeel beat Taino in four sets Friday to give Pakistan a 1-1 tie after Mamiit had drawn first blood for the Filipinos against Jalil.

"I love drama. I have watched many Filipino movies here," joked Mamiit about his chances in this morning's match. "But seriously, I would love to get a revenge for Eric."

"He (Aqeel Khan) carries the whole weight of the team," said RP non-playing captain Martin Misa. "Hopefully, we can finish it with the first singles tomorrow (today).

The winner of the tie will play against the survivor of the New Zealand-Pacific Oceania duel in the second round in April.

The Filipinos blew a 3-1 lead in the first set and labored for two hours and 40 minutes before taking the pivotal doubles match against the Pakistanis, who were relegated from Group I.

Capitalizing on Mamiit's big serve and Taino's superb net play, the Filipinos draw level in the second set and then pounced on their tiring rivals to easily wrap up the third set.

Mamiit broke into his famous dance routines for the first time in the match when victory was at hand in the fourth set and and served out the match with a love game.

'Patintero' helps keep UE fencers sharp

By Jasmine W. Payo

WHETHER on the street or in the gym, UE fencers (from left) Bonifacio Jacintos, Mary Rose Alfonso, Janika Juarez and Mike Gutierrez are always ready to give their best.

EVEN FENCING COACH ROLANdo Canlas Jr. knows it sounds absurd.

But when his University of the East fencers prepare for the UAAP tournament, his training program is not limited to crossing swords and trading lunges. It also includes drawing lines in the street and engaging team members in a friendly local street game.

The one kids fondly call *patintero.*

"We have a different program," said Canlas, a Southeast Asian Games gold medalist. "Our training is hard, so our athletes enjoy when we do cross-training. We play football, volleyball, basketball and even *patintero*. But of course, everything has a purpose. For *patintero*, it's for their [lateral] movement. For football, it's for the coordination of their feet."

But while the training program does have a tinge of local flavor, its target is global of nature. Canlas wants to produce a world-class fencer and the 25-year-old mentor has already made a few starting strides toward that direction.

Two of his wards—19-year-old Mary Rose Alfonso and 20-year-old Bonifacio Jacintos—have already been tapped in the junior national team after piloting UE to the 2006 UAAP men's and women's fencing titles.

And it isn't just his training program that is unusual. Canlas also has a maverick way of recruiting talent for the Warriors.

"We looked for volleyball players in Team B, taekwondo and softball players, the bench players in other sports," he said. "I told them (coaching staff) that it might be better if we look for former athletes. They're physically fit, so we just have to teach them the skills."

The formula worked.

Alonso traded her softball bat for the more pliable saber and ended up winning the 2006 Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player trophies in the fencing tournament last year.

"They really focused on me," said Alfonso. "Even if you have zero potential but if you have a good coach, you will reach a high level."

Senior member Janika Juarez also went from deflecting volleyball spikes to parrying

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1.	Issuance of Bid Documents	February 19-26, 2007, before 5:00 P.M., excluding Sat-Sun; Deadline on February 26, 2007 at the BAC Secretariat
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3.	Submission and Opening of Bids	March 12, 2007, 10:30 A.M. at the Office of the President & CEO, 7th Floor, Westar Bldg., 611 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City
4.	Bid Evaluation	March 13, 2007
5.	Post-qualification	March 14, 2007
6.	Issuance of Notice of Award	March 15, 2007

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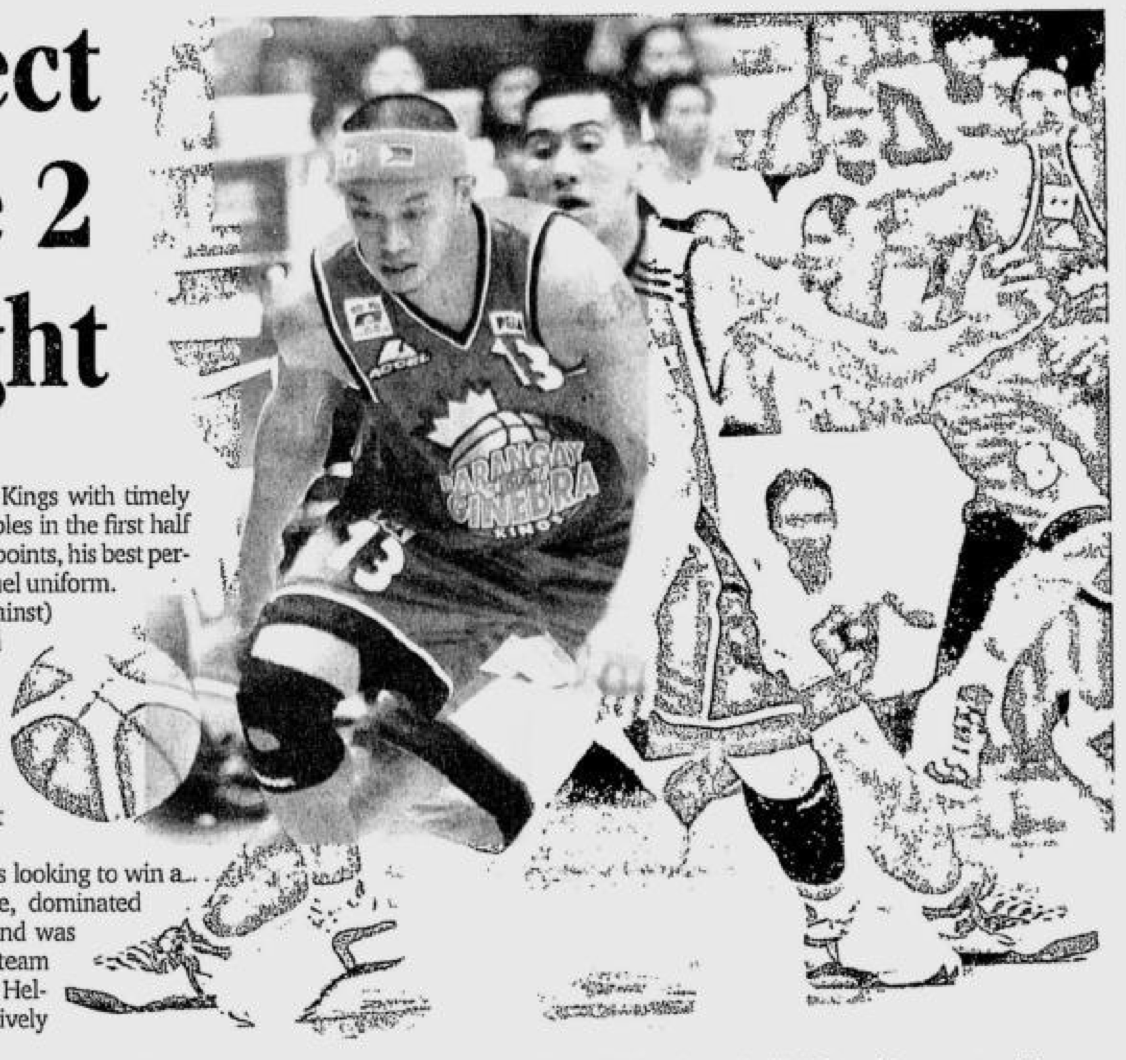
Beermen expect tougher Game 2 vs Kings tonight



BARANGAY Ginebra hopes Jayjay Helterbrand will pick up his game tonight against LA Tenorio and the San Miguel Beermen. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

GAME TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
7 p.m.—San Miguel vs. Barangay Ginebra

UGLY THOUGH THE SERIES-OPENER may have been, no one believes that Barangay Ginebra will be easy picking for the rest of the Talk 'N Text Philippine Cup title series.

San Miguel coach Chot Reyes, most of all.

"I certainly did not expect the (winning) margin to be this big," Reyes said, moments after his 118-94 Game 1 victory Friday night at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, where a pro-Ginebra gallery went home dumbfounded.

"But it (win) wasn't easy by any means. Ginebra is such a stout-hearted team that we expect them to come back harder (for Game 2)," he added.

Practically nothing went Ginebra's way Friday as the Gin Kings trailed by 22 points in the first half to lose in a horrific manner.

Only Mark Caguioa and Rudy Hatfield played true to form.

But they couldn't stop the San Miguel juggernaut from crushing the rest of the Kings with new acquisition Lordy Tugade leading the way and Danny Seigle consistent as always.

Tugade torched the Kings with timely sniping, hitting four triples in the first half alone on the way to 27 points, his best performance in a San Miguel uniform.

"(In the series against) Red Bull (they) played him (Tugade) extremely well defensively," Reyes said. "I expected him to play well, but not this well. He gave us a lift tonight."

San Miguel, which is looking to win a leading 18th PBA title, dominated plays inside the lane and was the more aggressive team outside of it as Jay-Jay Helterbrand was effectively shut down.

And one can't help but wonder if Eric Menk will finally get to see some minutes in the 7 p.m. game at the Araneta Coliseum.

"We all saw him doing the warm-ups tonight (Game 1)," Reyes said of Menk, who has been out since the Kings' semifinal series opposite Talk 'N Text.

Ginebra, which got to the Finals by ousting the Phone Pals, 4-2, could certainly use a healthy Menk as Dorian Pena and Rommel Adducul threw their weight inside with Hatfield the only big man that was a factor for the Kings.

The Kings never got close to overhauling that 22-point deficit, chopping it to 11 on three occasions in the fourth. But it was clear that San Miguel already had momentum for the win.

As a treat to fans, the league will host a mini- concert before the game featuring local band Soapdish. *Musong R. Castillo*

Estrera-Bayron goes all the way in Pro-Am

JAY BAYRON (left) celebrates with a raised fist as he and partner Edwin Estrera go on to win the Konica National Pro-Am tournament. ROMY HOMILLADA

By Musong R. Castillo

SILANG, Cavite—EDWIN ESTRERA AND JAY Bayron put the finishing touches to the Konica Minolta Pro-Am's first-ever wire-to-wire triumph by firing a six-over-par 77 yesterday that was still good for a six-stroke victory over two teams.

With conditions at the Langer layout of the Riviera remaining tough throughout, no team was really able to make a final-day charge to catch Estrera-Bayron, which totaled 302, 18-over.

Brothers Paul and Raul Miñoza fired a 74 to tie for second with Tony Lascuña and Korean Min Jong-yu at 308, while the Marvin Dumandan-Miko Alejandro and Richard Abaring-Anthony Fernando tandems closed out with 74s for 312s and joint fourth.

The victory was the third in as many tournaments for the 27-year-old Bayron, who on December won the RP Amateurs in lopsided style over junior standout Tonlits Asistio at the Country Club.

Just recently, the Canlubang PAL Interclub mainstay emerged as the low amateur, also over Asistio, in the 91st Philippine Open at Wack Wack's fabled East course.

Bayron has had it rosy for the past couple of months, the win comes as a whiff of fresh air for Estrera, a burly native of Cebu who has been winless since capturing the Apo Golf leg of the defunct Sony Ericsson Tour in 1998.

"Honestly, I have already forgotten how it (winning) feels," Estrera told the INQUIRER in Filipino. "We played well and Jay (Bayron) was great for all four days.

"I (as the pro) never had problems in our partnership, he was so steady."

Estrera received P234,940 from the P1.2 million pot with Bayron earning P58,735 worth of gift certificates.

The Gerard Cantada-JR Tanpinco combine, which came into the event looking to win for the fourth straight year, submitted a 77 and finished alone in sixth spot with a 313 tally.

Carito Villaroman and Sunshine Baraquiel, the only female in the banner field, fired a 79 and caught the Marlon Dizon-Bones Floro tandem in seventh spot with 314 totals. Dizon-Floro shot an 81.

Meanwhile, National Caddies Open product Mark Fernando received the Toyota Avanza he won for scoring an ace during the awards ceremonies later and promptly donated the car to the NCO and Philippine Amateur Golf Development Foundation.

Fernando, who aced the No. 4 hole in round 1, did not want to risk losing his amateur status as he will see action for defending champion Canlubang in the PAL Interclub in Cagayan de Oro and Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, later this month.

Amonsot wins; Melligan blows WBO title bid

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—TWO FILIPINO fighters suffered contrasting fates here in their bid to win the WBO Asia Pacific titles against their Korean counterparts.

ALA Boy Czar Amonsot took the WBO Asia Pacific lightweight title with a split decision victory over Korean lightweight champ Daun Chung.

Two judges saw the fight for Amonsot, while the Korean judge had his compatriot winning the fight.

"It was actually a one-sided fight, although exciting," said WBO Asia Pacific chairman Leon Panoncillo.

The Korean started bleeding from his nose starting in the opening round, and had a swollen left eye all throughout.

The Tagbilaran City-raised Amonsot was brilliant all throughout, except in rounds two and ninth when the Korean was busier.

The win improved Amonsot's record to 18 wins, 2 losses, 1 draw with 10 KO's.

On the other hand, former amateur standout Mark Jason Melligen tasted his first pro defeat with a shock technical knockout loss in the eighth round at the hands of Korean light-welter champ Yong Sung Kim despite leading on points.

Melligen lost steam starting in the fifth, and was visibly catching his breath before going down three times after absorbing body shots from the on-rushing Korean.

"This loss will serve as a big lesson for Melligen," said Panoncillo, who indicated Melligen can even become a world champ if he only develops his stamina. "He was brilliantly out-boxing his foe in the earlier rounds, but lost stamina. I will try to work out a rematch."

The loss was Melligen's first in seven fights.
Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

ACSAT pair tops beach volley

MARK Lord, general manager of Clearwater Country Club in Clark, presents trophies to the 2007 tournament's 1st leg champions Sheena Rose Teves and Lourdes Patillo. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

CLARK FIELD, PAMPANGA—SHEENA Rose Teves and new partner Lourdes Patillano got their acts together in the second set to rule the first leg of the 2007 Petron Ladies Beach Volleyball Tournament at the Clearwater Country Club here.

The pair from Asian College of Science and Technology (ACSAT) dominated the frontline just long enough to pull off a 21-19, 21-17 triumph in their best-of-three showdown with Roseanne Barroga and Rowena Felices.

Barroga and Felices, two standouts campaigning out of Olivarez College in Parañaque, were forced to crucial errors thrice early in the game as the ACSAT Lady Lightnings opened up with a barrage of placement shots.

After the Eastern Samar-born Patillano starting the second set with a wide return and an ace, the Lady Lightnings never looked back as they grabbed the upperhand, 8-1.

Teves was teaming up with Patillano for the first time due to the absence of longtime partner Daphne de Borja.

Teves and Patillano, who took home the P10,000 top purse and earned automatic seats to the grand finals in December.

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thrusts. Other players like Jacintos and fifth-year standout Mike Gutierrez only picked up the sport in their physical education class.

"We just kept on training and training, morning and afternoon, even on Sundays," noted Jacintos.

All that hard work, all that potential has UE looking forward to another bright fencing season. And when the time comes to retool the UE fencing lineup, Canlas will stick to his routine.

"You can make [new players] good in a year even if they start from zero," he said.

All they have to do is start by playing *patintero*.

Not all a life of PBA bliss

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

ALTHOUGH SHE looked so much lovelier and more sophisticated, I instantly recognized Guia Asaytono when I bumped into her at the taping of the "Mom's" show over QTV recently.

Guia said she and her two children are doing very well, the bitter and tumultuous past with former cager-husband Nelson Asaytono all behind her.

Jerold Vincent is now 17 going on 18 next month, and he is in 4th year high at the La Salle Greenhills. He is 6-1 and plays varsity basketball." Guia said.

When I heard the name, the image of a little boy immediately came to mind: A cute little boy with a round face, round eyes and very curly hair.

It was hard to believe that the young man dressed in a business suit in the photo Guia was showing me was this little boy.

"He's all grown up. Her younger sister, Kim Arielle, is now 13 and studies at Poveda," she said.

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Before we parted, Guia handed me a business card.

"I'm now using my maiden name," she said, noting that I was staring a bit too long. "Guia R. Catahan, interior design consultant," the card read.

"Our marriage has been annulled," she replied in answer to my questioning gaze.

No, she has not remarried. She is too busy raising her two children, trying hard to give them a good life. She works as a production set designer of the program, where I was guesting, and other television programs.

"Nelson plays for the Pagadian Explorers team in the NBC. He comes to visit the children regularly," she said with absolutely no trace of bitterness in her voice. She looked happy.

Nelson, on the other hand, has long been separated from the third party that had caused the breakup of his marriage to Guia.

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Only recently, player agent Danny Espiritu and I were noting with some amount of alarm the rising incidence of separations among PBA players, past and present.

Many are of public knowledge: In addition to Nelson and Guia, Kenneth and Teresa Duremdes, Bal and Malou David, Vergel and Mitch Meneses, Mon and Marissa Fernandez, Benjie Paras and Jackie Forster, Ato and Ella Agustin, Yves Dignadice and Maria Morris, to name some.

Among the more active ones, there's the tall veteran center and the youngish shooter from a team that was recently disqualified from the finals. Surely they would not want to be identified.

There's one or two in every team, according to Danny, who knows almost all the family secrets.

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The picture has changed somewhat for sure since these statistics were tallied after the third game of the 2006-2007 Talk 'N Text PBA Philippine Cup, but just to give you an idea of how the PBA MVP statistical race will go at the end of the conference, here are the top 10 players at that time:

Barangay Ginebra's Mark Caguioa leads the pack with an average of 38.7 statistical points, followed by San Miguel Beer's Danny Seigle with 37.6 and Ginebra's Rudy Hatfield with 34.0. Alaska's Willie Miller remains fourth with 33.9 SP's, Sta. Lucia's Kelly Williams fifth with 32.5, Purefoods' Kerby Raymundo sixth with 32.3, Talk 'N Text's Asi Taulava seventh with 31.5, Ginebra's Jayjay Helterbrand eighth with 30.9, his teammate Eric Menk ninth with 30.8, and Air 21's Ranidel de Ocampo 10th with 30.6 SP's.

Now the SP's may seem strange and small to you, but according to PBA head statistician Fidel Mangonon, the PBA commissioner's office has recently instituted some changes in the selection of the annual MVP and other awards, "to truly reflect the players' value and improve on the selection of individual performance awardees."

In the Rookie of the Year race, after the third semifinal game, Realtor Kelly Williams remains in the lead with 32.5 SP's, followed by Air 21's Arwind Santos with 29.7, Welcoat's Jay R Reyes, with 25.2, San Miguel Beer's LA Tenorio , with 19.1, Welcoat's JunJun Cabatu with 18.2, Coke's Chris Pacana with 17.8, SMB's Gabby Espinas with 16.2, Coke's Joseph Yeo with 15.6, Sta. Lucia's Ronnie Bughao with 15.3 and Welcoat's Jireh Ibanez with 13.0

Orcollo somewhat rusty for duel vs Yang

A THREE-WEEK BREAK FROM TOURnament play may hamper Dennis Orcollo's chances against Taiwanese Yang Chin-shun in the their one-on-one duel slated April 13-15 at the Gateway Mall in Cubao, Quezon City.

Orcollo, the reigning World Pool League titlist and acknowledged as the Philippine billiard money game king, has not played competitively since the All-Kansai 9-Ball Open in Osaka, Japan, last Jan. 22.

"Dennis is rusty," said Orcollo's manager Perry Mariano. "The way I assessed him now, he is not in a 100-percent fighting form, maybe just 60 (percent)."

"Well that's the normal tendency if you're not playing in tournaments," said Mariano. "He (Orcollo) is also adjusting to his new cue stick."

Yang, meanwhile, has competed in a lot of tournaments and game matches in Chinese Taipei as part of his preparation for his first-ever encounter with Orcollo in the event co-organized by the Bugsy Promotions of Mariano and the Rocketman Enterprises of Ramon Tuason and produced by Solar Sports.

The event is billed as "Golden Pool Classic presents: Yang vs Orcollo - it's all about the money…and more"

Yang's more active status is expected to negate Orcollo's homecourt advantage in the race-to-60 marathon match supported by Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, and the city council led by majority floor leader Ariel Inton.

"But I'm still confident that come April 13, Dennis will be in tiptop form," said Mariano. "He has promised that he won't let the country down. He will be ready for Yang."

"Orcolllo has been practicing everyday, going 50 to 70 racks per session," added Mariano.

Orcollo and Yang, both 28 years old, will dispute the $10,000 (about P490,000) winner's purse at stake in the event.

Marlon Bernardino, contributor

ORCOLLO: Three-week break.

Pacman pool event draws Negros bets

THE NEGROS BILLIARD STABLE IS JOINING the Manny Pacquiao 10-ball Panersera Pababa set Feb. 26-29 in General Santos City.

Offering a total purse of P500,000, the event promoted by the boxing superstar has drawn top players from Mindanao as well as the Visayas.

Christopher Palses, manager and coach of Negros Billiard Stable, said his players are joining the event mainly for exposure.

"I let them (NBS players) join the tournament not only because of the prize, but for them to be more competitive." said Palses, the 2006 Bacolod 9-Ball handicapping champion.

The Negros Billiard Stable is scouting for talented cue players with the ultimate goal of producing a champion from the region.

"Angeles City, Pampanga, has Efren 'Bata' Reyes, Cabagan, Isabela, has Alex Pagulayan and Ronato Alcano had already given pride to his hometown Calamba, Laguna," said Palses. "We have many good billiard players here and I think one of them will bring honor to Bacolod soon."

Expected to perform well for the Negrenses are Reynaldo Grandea, Panfilo Damuag and firecracker victim Jarry Pelayo.

The 48-year-old Grandea from Isabela, Negros Occidental, is a silver medalist in the 2003 Southeast Asian Games in carom balkline and bronze medalist in 3 cushion. Grandea is also a quarterfinalist in the 2006 Doha Asian Games in English billiard.

Damuag, who hails from South Cotabato, was champion of the 2001 Sagay Open and 2003 San Carlos 10-ball tour. He landed in the top 16 in the Solar Sports Fil-9 Ball Open and top 8 in the 2006 Bali Open 9-ball in Indonesia. He beat UK's top player Raj Hundal and former world trick shot champion Italian Fabio Petroni in money game play last year.

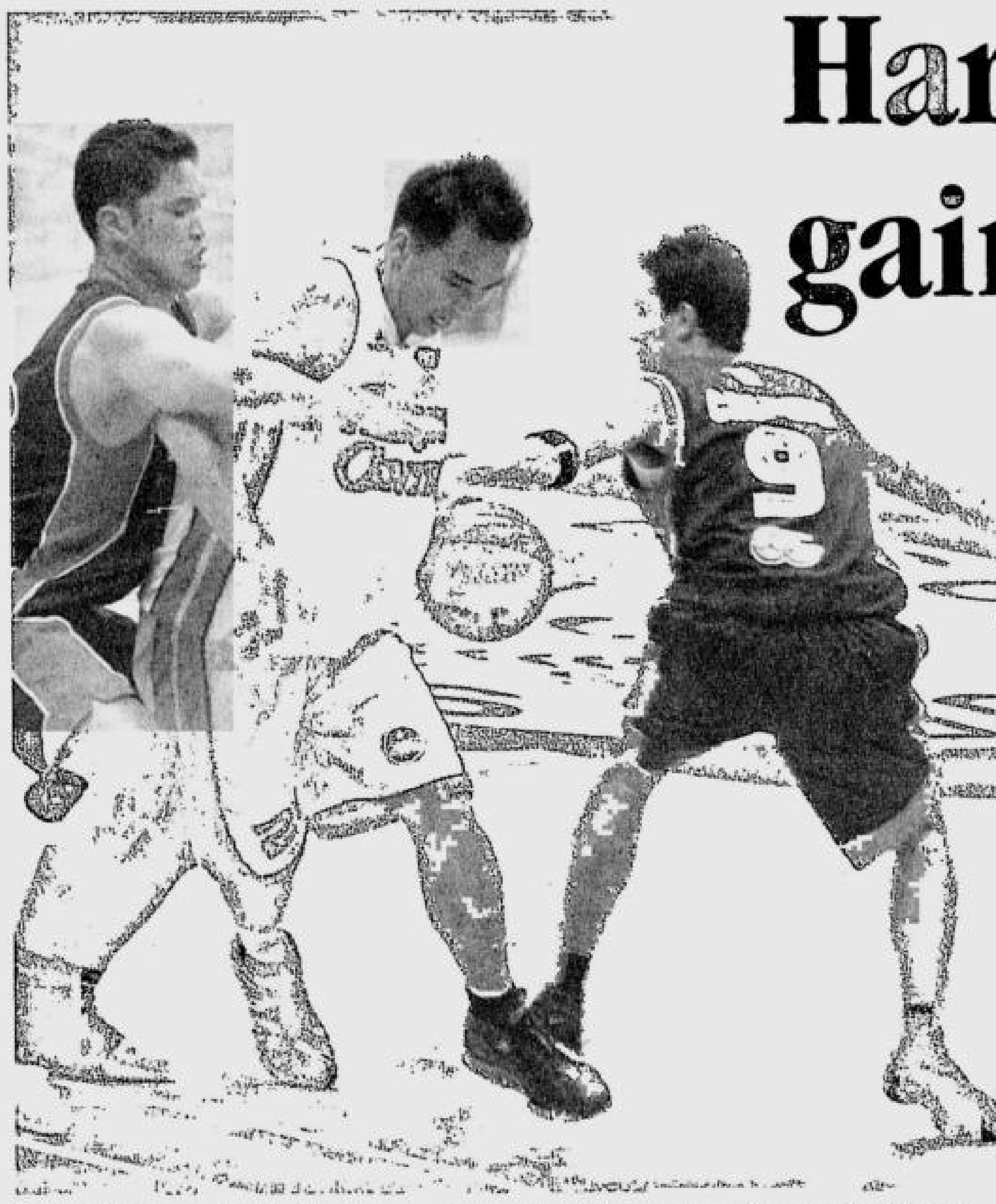
Pelayo, from Bacolod City, was the 1999 Governor's Cup Laguna Open champion and 2000 Six-Pocket-Blumentritt winner. He is making his international debut next month in Japan.

Other member of the team are Ricky Zerna, Jech Lemen, Jomel Sultan, Arturo Publico, Noel Caro, Felix Villegas, Tommie Gador and Romar Villones.

Lee Van Corteza, winner of the just-concluded 10-ball Grand Derby, and Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat are also NBS members, but are not playing in Pacman's billiard tournament being members of the national pool. Another NBS player, Israel Rota, is currently coaching in Qatar.

The NBS players are also set to compete in the 2nd BSCP National Pool Championships slated March 26-31 at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Marlon Bernardino, contributor



HARBOUR Centre's Allan Gamboa penetrates the defense put up by Toyota Otis' Dennis Daa (left) and Patrick Cabahug in their game yesterday. ROGER MARGALLO

Harbour Centre gains PBL finals

By Jasmine W. Payo

HARBOUR CENTRE EXPLODED FROM THE THREE-POINT AREA in the final quarter to overwhelm Toyota Otis, 92-81, yesterday and seal a showdown with Hapee-PCU for the PBL Silver Cup championship at the Olivarez College Sports Center starting Tuesday.

Chico Lanete, Edwin Asoro and Jonathan Fernandez powered the Port Masters in a fourth-quarter run that finally doomed the Sparks in their winner-take-all match.

Harbour Centre will be shooting for its second straight crown in another best-of-five series against Hapee-PCU which secured the first Finals berth by wrapping up its semifinal series versus Mail and More, 3-1, last Thursday.

GAME TUESDAY
(Olivarez College Sports Center)
2 p.m.—Toyota Otis vs Mall and More (Battle for 3rd)
4 p.m.—Hapee-PCU vs Harbour Centre (Game 1-Finals)

"I just told them that if we play good defense, offense will follow," said Harbour Centre coach Jorge Gallent. "If Chico plays well, the rest just step up. The NU boys (Asoro and Fernandez) also did great."

Lanete, starring in all three wins by the Port Masters in the series, shot 18 points in the final canto for a 22-point total this time on top of six assists and five rebounds.

Fernandez, who shot all of his eight markers in the last seven minutes, sparked Harbour Centre's outburst with a triple and a three-point play for a 63-61 lead.

Asoro sustained the charge by burying two more treys in a run that pushed the Port Masters ahead by nine, 73-64, at the 4:33 mark.

Lanete followed it up with another triple and three charities off a Christian Coronel foul for a 79-69 spread heading into the final three minutes.

Allan Gamboa, who averages 4.6 points in just 12 minutes of action, knocked in 18 markers in a 7-of-8 shooting in the first half before cooling down in the closing quarters.

Gamboa and Marvin Ortiguerra paced the Port Masters early for a 19-14 edge in the first quarter.

The 6-foot-5 Gamboa continued to heat up in the next canto and even hit a pair of treys in a 10-0 run that gave the Port Masters their biggest lead in the first half, 31-22.

Ex-pro Abby Santos, who joined the Sparks in their final elimination game, was thrown out at the 2:47 mark in the second quarter for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The scores:

HARBOUR CENTRE 92—Lanete 22, Gamboa 19, Asoro 10, Arana 10, Intal 8, Fernandez 8, Ortiguerra 7, Capati 4, Gaco 4, Williams 0, Coching 0.

TOYOTA OTIS 81—Cruz 15, Cabahug 14, Aldave 13, Dedicatoria 9, Jalme 8, Jazul 6, Coronel 5, Daa 5, Rodriguez 4, Santos 2, Alcaraz 0.

Quarters: 21-19, 40-38, 55-55, 92-81

Yangs pace Mango Tee

GREG YANG AND HIS NEPHEW KENNETH Yang posted a 141 total Friday to lead the Mango Tee Invitational at the Alabang Country Club.

The Yangs scored rounds of 71 and 70 points to check in with the highest tally among those who have completed their stints in the five-day tourney, co-presented by Pilipinas Shell and Smart Communications, which drew 320 member-guest teams. They were up by four over Antonio Ong and Eric Jaudines (72-65-137) in the standings as of Feb. 9.

Tommy Manotoc and JP Reyes, meanwhile, paced the low gross derby with a 122.

The hole-in-one prizes remained untouched after three days of play with the Lancer 2.0 GT and Yamaha cart up for grabs on the sixth hole, an L200 Strada GLX and a Club Car on No. 8, a Galant 240m and a Golf Cruiser on the 12th and a Grandis 2.4 AT on the 15th from Mitsubishi Motors and Citimotors still to be won.

Lawyer Johnny Castillo, president of ACCI, and Mango Tee committee chair Ed Lacson both expressed satisfaction over the conduct of the tourney, noting that participants are enjoying the arrangements on and off the course.

Set to be raffled off in the awards ceremony tonight are a Yamaha cart, a 32-inch LCD television, golf items, appliances and airline tickets worth more than a million pesos.

The Yangs led Class A while Ong and Jaudines showed the way in Class D. Ed Gaddi and former pro cager Gabby Cui were the provisional leaders in Class C with their 136 total while Eriberto Calubaquib and Simplicio Belisario are on track for the Class D crown with a 133 score.

SPORTSWATCH

NBN-4 airs PSA Annual Awards tonight

THE SMC-PSA ANNUAL AWARDS WILL BE SEEN ON TV TONIGHT AS NBN-4 airs the event from 8-9 o'clock. The ceremony feted the best and brightest in Philippine sports who made 2006 a memorable one. It was held at the Entertainment Hall of the SM Mall of Asia on Jan 18. Boxing icon Manny Pacquiao shared stellar billing with billiards legend Efren "Bata" Reyes, World Pool champion Ronnie Alcano, men's world champion bowler Biboy Rivera and Asian Games gold medalists Violito Payla, Joan Tipon, Antonio Gabica and Rene Catalan.as co-recipients of the Athlete of the Year award. Sixty other sports figures and personalities were honored during the affair.

CKSC sweeps Tiong Lian elims

JOHN DERICK GO SCORED 24 POINTS, GRABBED 8 REBOUNDS AND DISHED out 7 assists to lead Chiang Kai Shek College to a 95-67 win over St. Jude High School and complete a sweep of the elimination round of the 31st Metro Manila Tiong Lian Basketball Association at the CKSC Gym in Manila. The Dragons relied on Go's hot start as he fired four triples that sparked their 39-11 first quarter outburst. Since then, CKSC was never threatened and coasted to its sixth straight win in as many games. Terrence Lam and Brylle Sy contributed 14 points apiece and Justine Chua chipped in 10. With the sweep, the Dragons are now in the semis and will be awaiting the winner of St. Jude-Grace Christian High School playoff.

Pascual tops Makati International Derby

UNHERALDED COCKER JUN PASCUAL OF BATANGAS RULED THE 100-ENTRY Makati International 8-Cock Super Derby last Friday at the Makati Coliseum when his entry, Tranka Bay, posted seven wins and one loss. Anthony Marasigan of Saipan (A2 M2 PS) and Ram Lopez (Altuz WTJ) were runners-up with 6.5 points while Raymond Velayo, Philip Chiongbian and Edmund Yasay, Gov. Joel Reyes, Gengen Arayata, Jun Topacio and Gov. Ito Ynares, Choi Moy Ngay of Vietnam, Col. Necy Katigbak and Thunder Strike tallied six wins each. Meanwhile, the Valentine 5-cock derby, a joint promotion of Richard Bates and Col. Necy Katigbak, unfolds at the Makati Coliseum tomorrow with P500,000 in guaranteed prize.

5 champs join Roligon's 'Largahan'

FIVE COCKFIGHT CHAMPIONS PLEDGED TWO ENTRIES EACH YESTERDAY IN the 2007 Largahan 5-cock derby on Feb. 22, 24, 26 and 28 at the Roligon Mega Cockpit. Host Rolly Ligon decided to adopt the easy five-cock format and pegged an entry fee of P4,400 for a guaranteed prize of P2 million. The fastest win champion will drive home a brand new seven-seater Toyota Avanza 1.5. Riding high on their victories in the RMC 17th Anniversary 6-cock derby on Wednesday, co-champions Loloy Gallano (Try Me), Willard Po and William Chia (WP Shaolin), Konsi Ford (Tyler), Hernan Dolatre (Jet Star Mori) and lawyer Art de Castro (Hardy Boys), vowed to win the Largahan title. Except for de Castro, owner of several big derby titles, the four other co-champions were first time major derby winners.

Tagaytay to defend Asian chess title

By Roy Luarca

A VIRTUALLY NEW TAGAYTAY CITY TEAM will defend its hard-earned crown in the 15th Asian Cities Chess Championship slated March 1-9 in Teheran, Iran.

Only Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio remains from the team that nipped Guangzhou (China) via the tie-break for the title in the 2004 edition of the event held at the Tagaytay International Convention Center.

Joining Antonio, who manned Board 2 behind GM Eugene Torre in 2004, are GM Mark Paragua and International Masters Wesley So and Oliver Dimakiling.

Paragua, the country's highest-rated player, will take over Torre's place. The 13-year-old So, on the other hand, will man Board 3 in lieu of GM Bong Villamayor while Dimakiling will man Board 4 in lieu of IM Ronald Dableo.

IM Jayson Gonzales completed the Tagaytay City squad which made history as the first host team to win the Asian inter-cities since its inception in 1979.

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Deviating from usual practice, no reserve player will go to Tehran, where So and Dimakiling will try to nail their second GM results.

Dimakiling replaced GM Nelson Mariano, who is reportedly embarking on a coaching stint in Singapore.

National Chess Federation of the Philippines secretary general and Tagaytay City Mayor Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, who will bankroll the Filipinos' Teheran stint, said he expects his wards to go all-out in defending the title they won over 18 teams from 15 countries.

"Our players will be playing in a different environment and for sure the other teams will be after us being the defending champion," said Tolentino. "But I'm confident that they're going to give it their best shot every game."

Tolentino has tapped NCFP Director Willie Abalos to be the head of delegation and team captain.

"Under this set-up (no reserve), all the players will have to be on their toes," said Abalos. "Nobody can afford to relax."

Tagaytay City is expected to face stiff challenge from teams from China, India, Vietnam, Indonesia and the former Soviet Republics, which will be represented by their key cities.

National Bullstag series starts March 5

THE 2007 NATIONAL 8-BULLSTAG DERby, a yearly undertaking of the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB) will be staged in 13 different cockpit nationwide, beginning on March 5.

NFGB president Ricoy Palmares said yesterday that only those gamefowls with 2006 'Bakbakan' wingbands and weight limits of 1.8 kg to 2.3 kg will be accepted.

Last year's solo champion, Moy dela Cruz of GF-Ban, heads the big field of participants who will gun for the guaranteed prize of P3 million.

Separate elimination rounds (4-cock) are lined up at the Bacolor Cockpit (March 5); Puerto Princesa Coliseum (March 9); Malvar Sports Center and Alexandra Sports Coliseum (March 10); Batac Cockpit (March 13); Negros Coliseum (March 14); Paniqui Coliseum (March 15); Aquino Coliseum, Talisay Tourist Sports Complex and Iloilo Coliseum (March 16); Pasay Cockpit (Mar. 17); Tuao Mega Cockpit (March 18) and Araneta Coliseum (March 20).

Two days of championship rounds will be staged at Araneta Coliseum on March 22 and 23. For inquiries, call 0917-4476707 (Homer Salgado).

The NFGB, an umbrella organization of major gamefowl breeders associations from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, recently staged the 2006 National Bakbakan 9- stag derby which drew an incredible 1, 273 entries.

Co-champions in the 2006 Bakbakan were Gen-gen Arayata of Cavite, Bobby Doromal of Manila and Bobot Tan of Davao.

NCAA CHAMPION: The San Beda Red Lions captured their sixth straight National Collegiate Athletic Association men's football title by beating the PCU Dolphins, 5-0. The Lions, who posted a 6-0 win-loss card, received the trophy and medals from incoming NCAA Policy Board president, Dr. Vincent K. Fabella.

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ROLL OVER, RED

Celtics pride takes another hit

LONG faces are now a staple at the Celtics bench. REUTERS

BOSTON—THIS IS NOT THE TEAM THE late legendary coach and manager Red Auerbach had in mind.

The Boston Celtics slipped to a franchise record 17th straight defeat with a 92-78 loss to the New Jersey Nets on Friday, on a day when the struggling team welcomed back Paul Pierce after a long injury layoff.

Vince Carter scored 21 points for the Nets, who never trailed, as the Celtics shot just 35 percent from the field in losing their 13th straight home game.

Pierce missed 24 games with a stress reaction in his left foot and then an inflamed elbow as Boston went 2-22 without him in the line-up.

He looked rusty on his return, shooting just 4-for-16 for nine points, with seven of them coming in the fourth quarter when the game was already out of reach.

"I missed a couple of lay-ups, stuff that I usually make," Pierce told reporters.

Pierce's return was somewhat of a surprise, as he was expected to remain on the sidelines until after next week's All-Star Game.

New Jersey's Jason Kidd, who had 13 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, believes Pierce's return will eventually help the Celtics recover from their dreadful run.

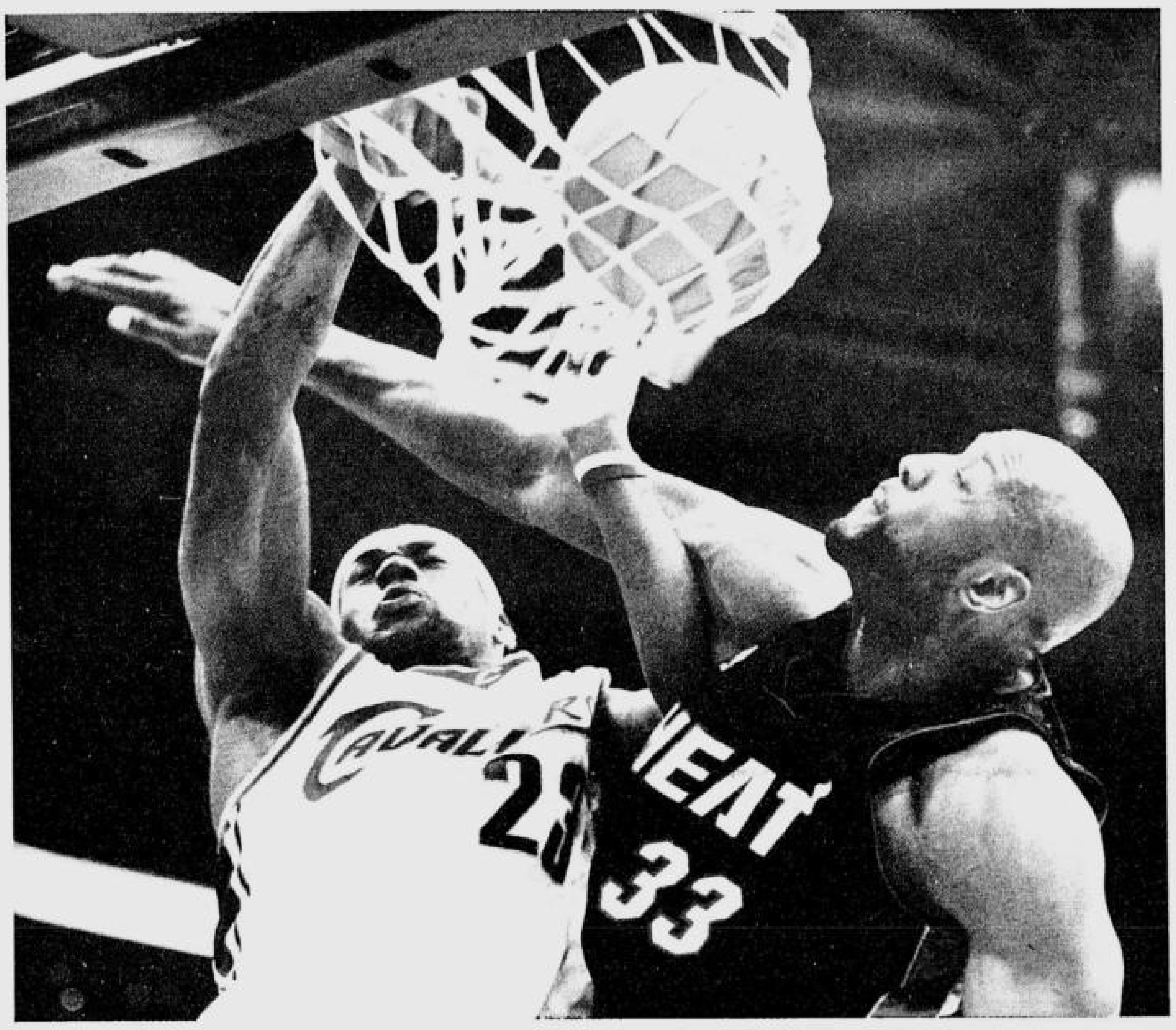
"Anytime your captain comes back, you play with more energy," Kidd said. "This is a tough learning experience for them, but in the long run it will make them better."

Marcus Williams added 17 points for the Nets (24-27), who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak.

Delonte West led Boston with 21 points, while Al Jefferson scored 13 points and hauled down 17 rebounds. *Reuters*

Hot Raptors edge Lakers

TORONTO—CHRIS BOSH had 29 points and 11 rebounds, Kobe Bryant missed a potential tying 3-pointer in the final seconds and the Toronto Raptors won their season-high fifth straight, 96-92 over the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday.


CLEVELAND Cavaliers main man LeBron James (left) dunks on Miami Heat defender Alonzo Mourning. AP

Anthony Parker added 18 points and Andrea Bargnani had 14 for the Atlantic Division-leading Raptors, who have won seven straight at home and 14 of 18 overall.

Bryant scored 25 points for the Lakers, who dropped to 3-4 on their eight-game road trip.

Bosh's layup gave Toronto an 86-75 lead with 5:41 left, but the Lakers followed with an 11-0 run to tie it.

After trading leads in the last two minutes, the Raptors were up 95-92 with 11 seconds left following free throws by Bosh and Anthony Parker.

Bryant faked out Jorge Garbajosa before putting up a shot from top of the key, but the ball hit off the rim. Bosh grabbed the rebound with 0.2 seconds left and made one of two free throws.

In other games, it was Denver 102, Indiana 95; Orlando 106, San Antonio 104; LA Clippers 90, Philadelphia 89; Portland 108, Charlotte 100, OT; New Jersey 92, Boston 78; Cleveland 103, Miami 79; Memphis 105, Minnesota 97, OT; Dallas 95, Houston 74; Atlanta 120, Phoenix 111; Golden State 123, Chicago 121

In Indianapolis, Carmelo Anthony celebrated his late addition to the Western Conference All-Star team by scoring 34 points, and Denver stopped a three-game skid.

Anthony, added to the squad by commissioner David Stern as an injury placement earlier in the day, shot 11-for-24 from the field and 12-for-13 from the free throw line. Eduardo Najera added 18 points for the Nuggets, who played without injured starters Allen Iverson and Marcus Camby.

Mike Dunleavy scored a season-high 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Danny Granger added 19 points for the Pacers, who lost their third straight home game.

In Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard leaped high to dunk a long inbounds lob from Hedo Turkoglu with 0.2 seconds left, and Orlando edged San Antonio to halt a three-game losing streak.

Howard had 30 points and Jameer Nelson scored a season-high 31 for the Magic, who rallied from an 18-point deficit. Rookie JJ Redick had a season-high 16.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 24 points, but was unable to stop Howard's jam in the final second. Brent Barry had 21 points and Michael Finley scored 18 for San Antonio.

In Cleveland, LeBron James ended a mini-scoring slump with 29 points and Cleveland did a better job containing Miami's Dwyane Wade in snapping the Heat's five-game winning streak.

James had averaged just 17.7 points—almost nine under his average—in the past four games. But going head-to-head against his good friend Wade brought out the best in James, who scored 16 points after halftime and added seven rebounds and six assists.

Wade finished with 27 points, but never got a chance to take over the way he did a week ago when he outscored Cleveland 24-23 in the fourth quarter and had 41 points in Miami's 92-89 win.

Sasha Pavlovic scored 15 points, added a career-high six assists and made the game's biggest defensive play on Wade in the fourth when the Cavs pulled away.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Rudy Gay scored 19 points, including seven in overtime, to help Memphis snap a four-game losing streak and send Minnesota to its fifth loss in six games.

In Phoenix, former Sun Joe Johnson scored 17 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to lead Atlanta to victory over a Phoenix team missing Steve Nash. *AP*

Stern gives Melo, Josh All-Star game slots

NEW YORK—NBA LEADING SCORER Carmelo Anthony was picked by commissioner David Stern on Friday as an injury replacement and will make his first All-Star game appearance on Feb. 18 in Las Vegas.

Stern also added Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard to the Western Conference team. He needed to replace Houston center Yao Ming and Utah forward Carlos Boozer, who will be unable to play because of injuries.

ANTHONY

Anthony averages an NBA-high 30.8 points, but wasn't voted in by the fans and then wasn't chosen as a reserve by West coaches. He was undoubtedly hurt by missing 15 games when Stern suspended him for his role in the brawl at Madison Square Garden in December.

But Stern said he would not consider Anthony's penalty when deciding whether to consider him for a replacement spot.

Howard also is a first-time All-Star, giving the team with the NBA's best record two players in the game. Phoenix and San Antonio, the Mavericks' closest pursuers, each have multiple All-Stars. Howard is averaging 19.6 points and 7.3 rebounds.

Stern may still have one more pick to make. Denver's Allen Iverson, bothered by a sprained ankle, has talked recently of skipping the game if necessary.

Seattle's Ray Allen or Utah's Deron Williams would be the likely candidates if another guard is needed.

West coach Mike D'Antoni of Phoenix will choose the replacement for Yao in the West starting lineup. *AP*

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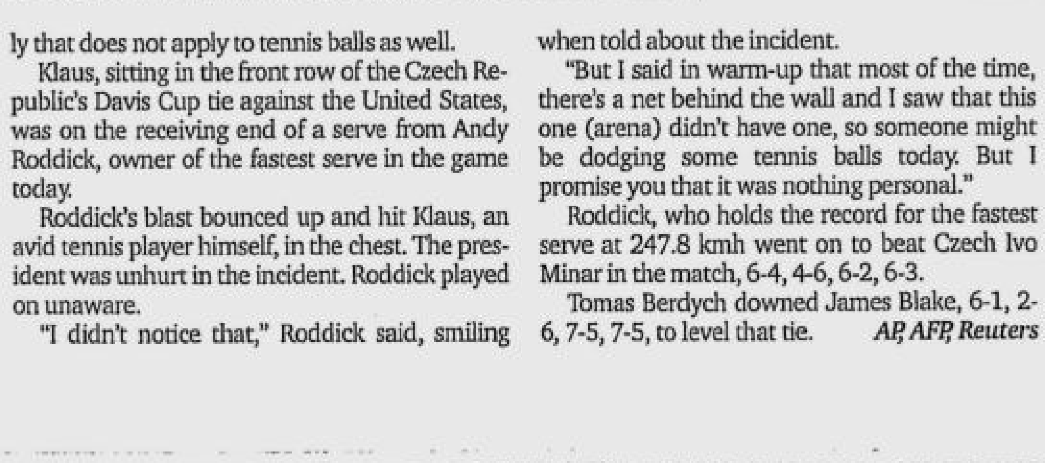
Roddick serve, Russia grab spotlight

Safin hands defending champs 2-0 Davis Cup edge vs Chile


RUSSIA'S Marat Safin slams a return to Chile's Nicolas Massu. REUTERS

LA SERENA, CHILE—FORMER WORLD NO. 1 Marat Safin and injury-haunted Igor Andreev got Russia's Davis Cup defense off to a flying start on Friday against Chile.

And at about the same time, Andy Roddick's serve was making headlines elsewhere.

Safin eased to a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Nicolas Massu in their World Group first round tie while Andreev, who was sidelined with a knee injury last year, defeated Australian Open finalist Fernando Gonzalez, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Chile must now win Saturday's doubles to keep their 10-match home tie winning streak alive.

Massu had never previously lost a Davis Cup singles rubber in Chile but Safin, who sealed Russia's triumph in the final in Moscow last year, was in great form, converting six of seven break point opportunities and producing just ten unforced errors.

"I expected more from Massu," admitted Safin after silencing the 8,000-strong crowd.

"I thought the game would be much tougher. We both had our opportunities. I think it all came down to who would take them first."

Massu admitted he had been outclassed.

"Marat played very well. I just could not match his level," said the Chilean, the Olympic Games champion.

"Today I played against a great champion."

In Ostrava, Czech Republic, Czech President Vaclav Klaus's bodyguards are trained to dive in front of bullets to ensure his safety. But apparently that does not apply to tennis balls as well.

Klaus, sitting in the front row of the Czech Republic's Davis Cup tie against the United States, was on the receiving end of a serve from Andy Roddick, owner of the fastest serve in the game today.

Roddick's blast bounced up and hit Klaus, an avid tennis player himself, in the chest. The president was unhurt in the incident. Roddick played on unaware.

"I didn't notice that," Roddick said, smiling when told about the incident.

"But I said in warm-up that most of the time, there's a net behind the wall and I saw that this one (arena) didn't have one, so someone might be dodging some tennis balls today. But I promise you that it was nothing personal."

Roddick, who holds the record for the fastest serve at 247.8 kmh went on to beat Czech Ivo Minar in the match, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Tomas Berdych downed James Blake, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, to level that tie. *AP, AFP, Reuters*

Furyk shares Pebble lead with Mickelson

PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA—Two-time champion Phil Mickelson sailed to a 5-under 67 and a share of the lead with Jim Furyk at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Friday.

Mickelson had to cope only with the cold and rain—but not much wind—which made the oceanside Pebble Beach course tame.

"It was a good day. We got a pretty good draw," Mickelson said. "It was a little windy the last three or four holes, but I'm not going to complain. We had a great day to take advantage of scoring."

He had chances to score even lower, but three straight birdies on the back nine, and a simple up-and-down for birdie on the par-5 18th enabled him to catch Furyk and reach 12-under 132.

Furyk also was pleased to see the flags drooping instead of flapping when he arrived at Poppy Hills, especially after seeing a forecast of 15 mph (24 kph) wind and heavy rain. The rain was brief and light, and he birdied all but one of the par 5s on his way to a 65.

"I think we got out of it pretty good today," Furyk said. "Hoping for the same tomorrow."

That gave the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am a good 1-2 punch at the top from the two highest-ranked players in the field.

Furyk (No. 2) and Mickelson (No. 6) had a three-shot lead over rookie John Mallinger and Kevin Sutherland, who turned in the best round of the dreary afternoon by firing off 10 birdies for a 63 at Spyglass Hill.

Sutherland thought briefly about the course record of 62 at Spyglass, just long enough to snap-hook his 3-wood into the trees and out of play on the par-5 seventh. He reloaded with a two-stroke penalty, reached the green in two, escaped with a bogey and didn't let one bad hole take away from his round.

"Spyglass is one of my favorite courses in the world," said Sutherland, who has played it countless times dating to his amateur days. "I'd rather play there than Pebble Beach. But a 63 was not the score I was thinking about when I teed off."

Sutherland plays his best golf on the US West Coast—his only victory was the 2001 Accenture Match Play Championship at La Costa—and was in the final group two weeks ago at Torrey Pines until he finished in a tie for 14th. *AP*

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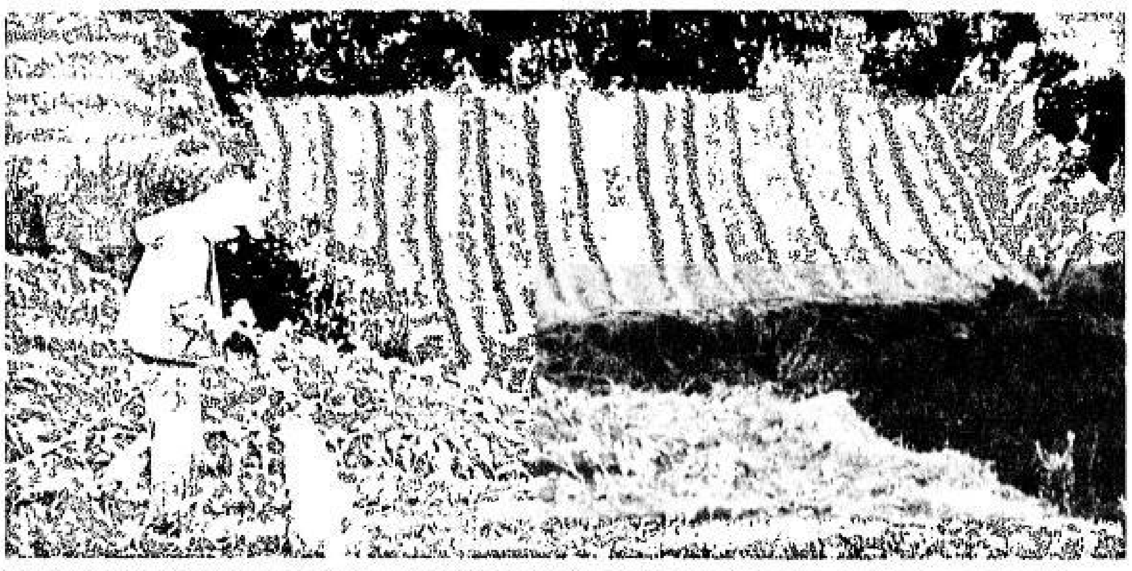
Coping with the big chill

Solution is well-timed planting strategy with adoption of plants resistant to frost



WATER THERAPY. Farmers have learned that washing off ice from their vegetables is one way of combatting low temperatures that occassionally dsteroy their harvests. Cold weather often ice up moisture covering their vegetables.
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ATOK, BENGUET—FOUR mountaineering enthusiasts from Baguio City needed to huddle together inside a tent at the summit of Mt. Pulag from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, the period when tem

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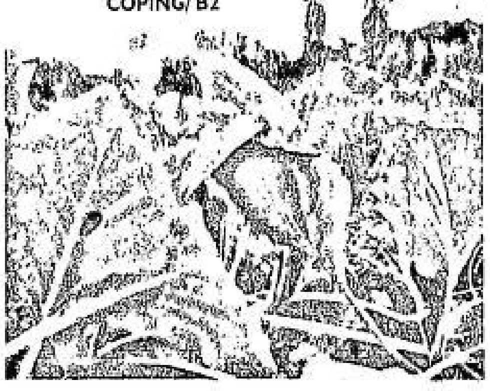
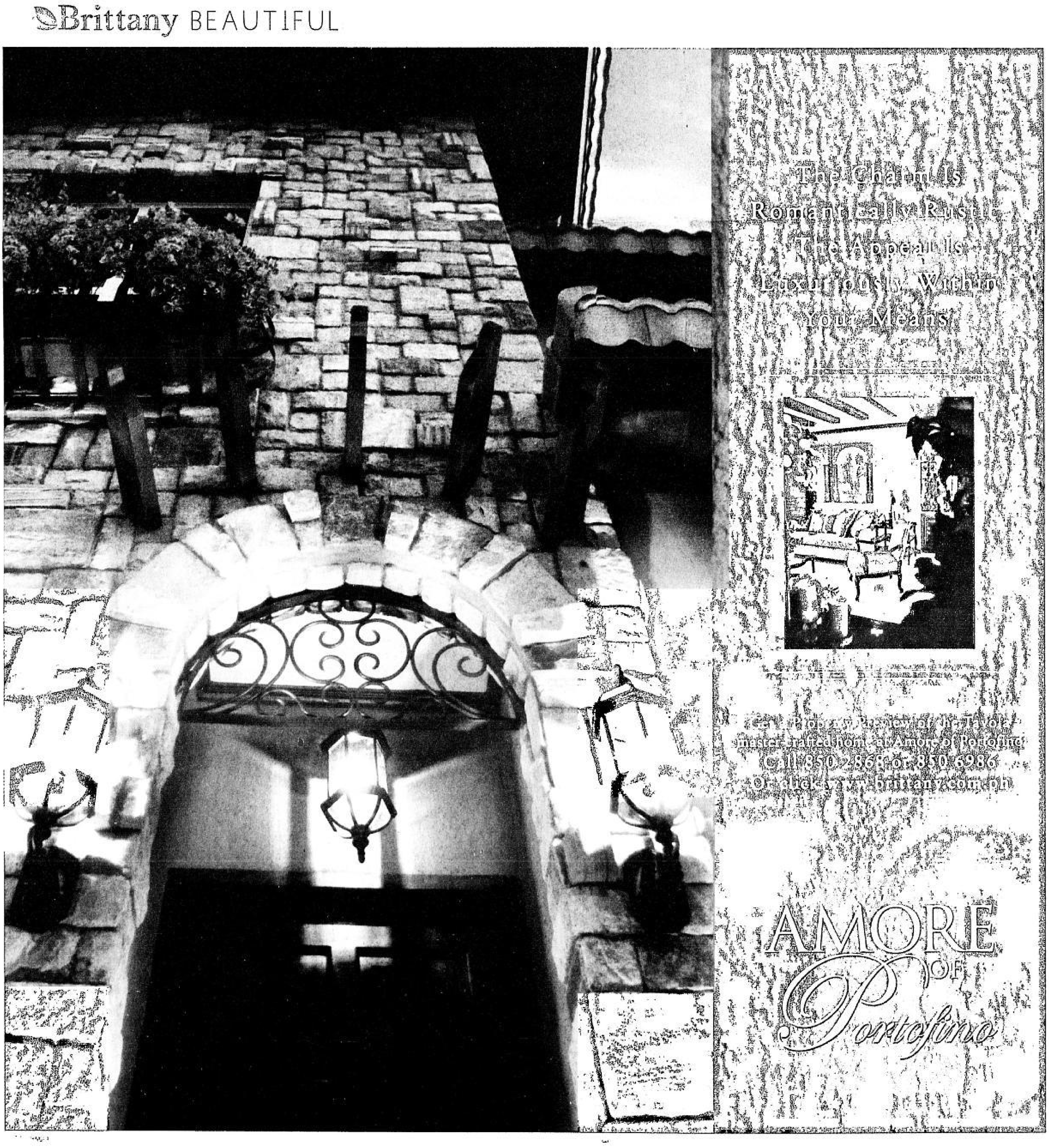


SURVIVORS. This batch of cabbage survived the frost this [illegible] in Atok, Benguet.



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Pride: A leader's greatest problem

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

PULL A $10-BILL FROM YOUR POCKET, and you will see the face of Alexander Hamilton on the front.

By merit of his accomplishments, Hamilton should be one of the United States' greatest national heroes. Consider his contributions to America:

- Revolutionary War hero
- George Washington's chief of staff by age 22
- America's first Secretary of the Treasury
- Co-author of The Federalist Papers
- Creator of the Coast Guard
- Designer of the nation's banking and finance system
- Architect of a system of tax collection to bring revenue to the US Government
- Builder of the infrastructure for an industrial economy

Yet, despite displaying the greatest blend of legal, political and financial knowledge of the founding fathers, Hamilton does not rank among the foremost heroes of our country's history. Why? Pride.

Hamilton's self-importance and inability to take an insult alienated those around him and sabotaged his career. His ego literally killed him. Far too vain to patch up differences with fellow politician, Aaron Burr, Hamilton was shot and killed by Burr in a duel at the age of 49.

Leading culprit

Before diving into the body of this lesson, I'd like to credit my friend Dave Anderson, founder of LearntoLead.com. Many of his thoughts resonate throughout this edition of LW.

I agree with Dave when he suggests pride is the leading culprit of managerial ineffectiveness:

"There are many reasons managers fail. For some, the organization outgrows them. Others don't change with the times. Some spread themselves too thin and work long and hard but not smart. Many abandon the priorities and disciplines that once made them great and never get back to them. A few make poor character choices… But all these causes for management failure have their root in one common cause: Pride. In the simplest terms, pride is devastating. I'm not talking about the pride one has in their work or their accomplishments. I'm indicting the pride that inflates your sense of self-worth and distorts your perspective of reality." ~ Dave Anderson

There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. "Good pride" represents our dignity and self-respect. "Bad pride" is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance. When you look at the word pride, notice the middle letter is "I."

When you are full of pride on the inside, it makes you stiff, stubborn and creates strife with others.

Problems of pride

1. Pride stops us from building a team.

Prideful leaders readily contract "Superman Syndrome" and devalue the benefits of teamwork. They rely on their own prowess to solve problems and advance the organization. Blinded by their self-centeredness, arrogant leaders are unable to appreciate the strengths in others.

2. Pride renders us unteachable.

Leaders who are assured they know everything don't bother about personal growth. Their ego convinces them that they have arrived, and they quit searching for life's lessons in the people and circumstances around them.

3. Pride closes our mind to feedback.

Pride deafens us to the advice or warnings of those around us. As Stephen Covey has said, "It takes humility to seek feedback. It takes wisdom to understand it, analyze it and appropriately act on it." Without humility, we care about only one opinion—our own.

4. Pride prevents us from admitting mistakes.

The Duke of Wellington once haughtily drew himself up to his full height and thundered to one of his staff officers, "God knows I have many faults, but being wrong is not one of them!"

Pride won't allow for failure. The egotistical leader blames mistakes on others, justifies them as inevitable, or refuses to acknowledge them.

5. Pride keeps us from making changes.

Pride will cause leaders to pledge allegiance to the status quo rather than opening themselves to change; especially if the change alters a system they built. Since leaders have emotional equity in their own work, they will justify living with broken systems rather than changing them.

6. Pride encourages poor character choices.

Because of arrogance, ignorance, or a little of both, leaders start taking shortcuts that compromise their values. In their conceit, they think they're above the rules or are too smart to get caught.

As flawed human beings, we all fall into prideful traps from time to time. However, failing to recognize the error of pride and change course will doom our leadership.

Pride is a fatal character flaw and leaders that leave legacies have their character in tact. Leaders who fail to prune their pride will meet demise. That's not a guess, it's a guarantee. With pride, it's not a matter of "if" we will fall, but "when." There are no exceptions.

7. Pride hinders us from reaching our potential.

For leaders to reach full potential, they must be aware of areas in which they can improve. Unfortunately, pride blocks honest self-assessment and prevents leaders from finding the path to better performance.

8. Pride destroys relationships.

The opposite of loving others is not hating others but rather obsessing over oneself. When we become self-absorbed, we cut ourselves off from the enjoyment of the relationships in our life.

What I call, "The Celebration Principle" says that the true test of relationships is not how loyal we are when friends fail, but how thrilled we are when they succeed. If we can't get excited about the accomplishments of our friends, we had better do some soul-searching.

9. Pride distorts your perspective on reality

Constantly viewing life through the lens of selfish ambition colors a leader's outlook. Many problems in business are caused by the ego interfering with judgment. Choices that should be clear to the leader become clouded by an obsession with self advancement.

Correcting the pride problem

1. Recognize your pride

"If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, you are very conceited indeed." ~ C.S. Lewis

2. Admit your pride

"There is perhaps not one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. Even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility." ~ Benjamin Franklin

3. Express your gratitude

"A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves." ~ Henry Ward Beecher

4. Say your prayers

"Lord, when I am wrong, make me be willing to change, and when I am right, make me easy to live with."~ Anonymous

5. Practice serving others

"The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule." ~ Albert Einstein

6. Learn to laugh at yourself

"Blessed are they that laugh at themselves, they shall never cease to be entertained." ~ Chinese Beatitude

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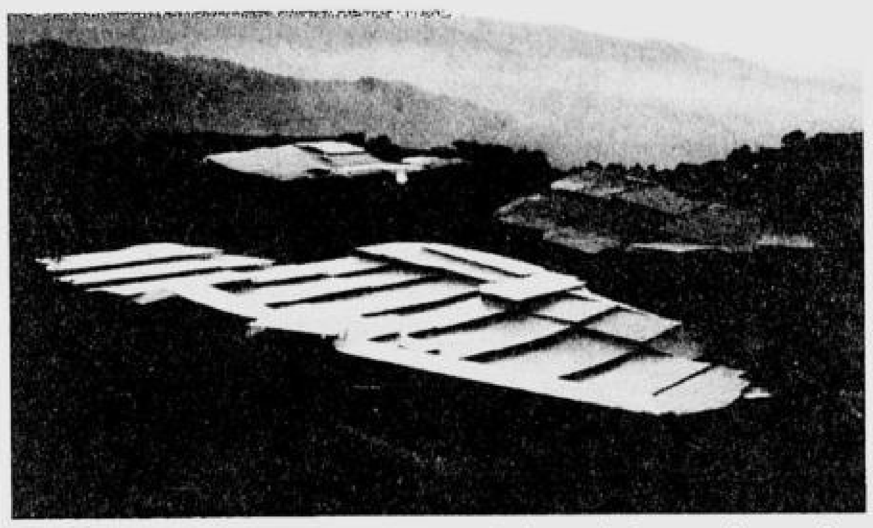
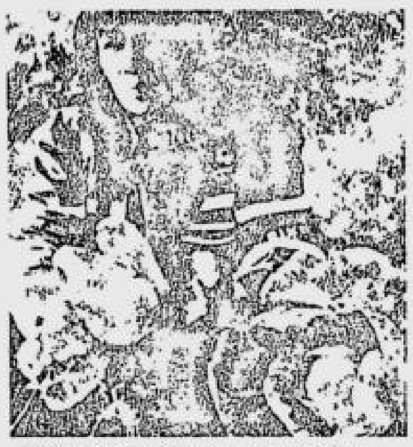
RED CANDY. Farmers wrap tons of carrots with plastic and cloth.



THE GREENHOUSE effects are welcome to Atok town in Benguet, because low temperatures often cause moisture covering vegetable farms to ice up here.



ATOK Mayor Concepcion Balao says these cabbages suffered frost burns, because low temperatures coated vegetables with 5 millimeters of frosted moisture.

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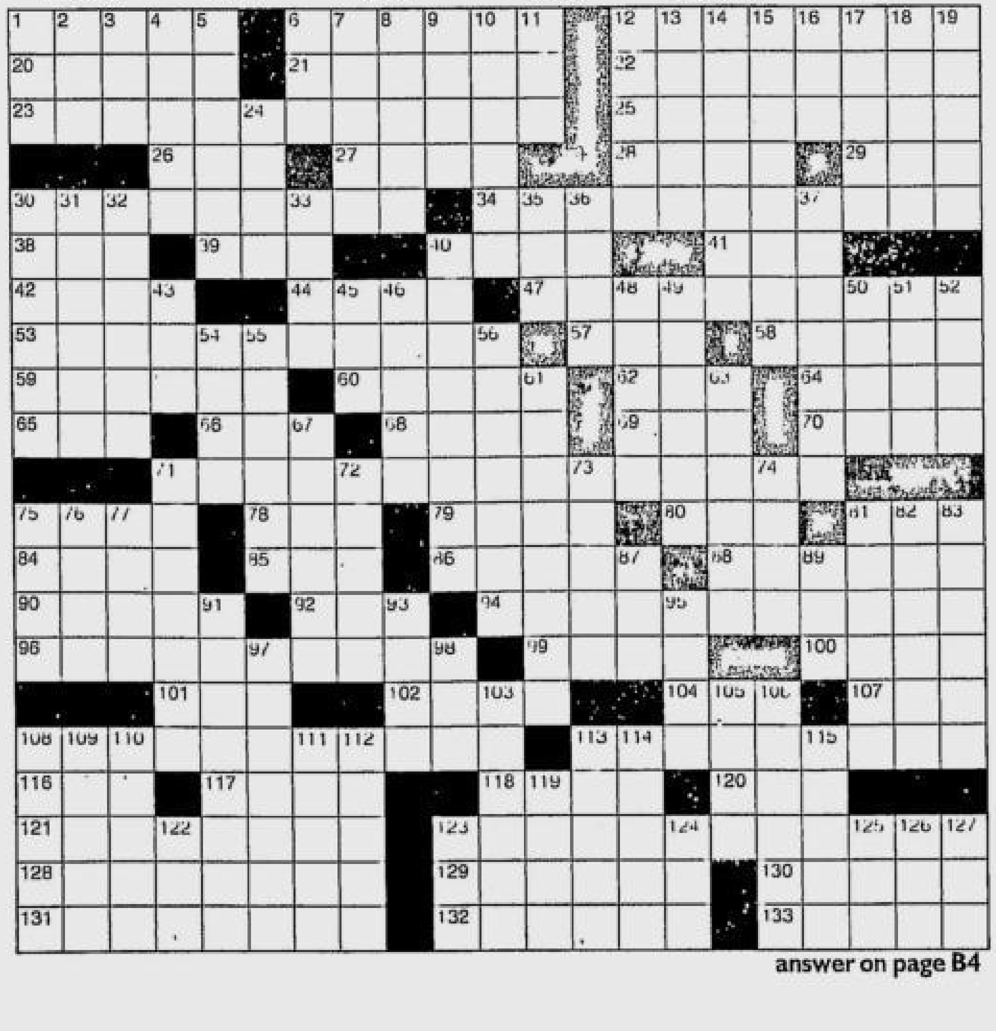

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Coping with …

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peratures in Baguio and its environs dropped to between 9 and 10 degrees Celsius.

"[It was so cold atop Pulag and] that was the only way we could raise the temperature inside the tent to [a tolerable] 6 degrees," one of the mountaineers tells the INQUIRER.

The 2,900-meter high Mt. Pulag, Luzon's highest mountain and the second highest peak in the country, looms over the farmlands of this town, where vegetable farms were covered by frost last week.

Reports of the frost damage on cabbage, potatoes, carrots, radish, green peas and cut flowers grown in Atok, Buguias, Kibungan and Mankayan towns had alarmed Metro Manila consumers because most of the vegetable supply in the metropolis come from Benguet and parts of Cordillera.

Although *andap* (local term for frost) has been a bane to the local industry, it is a frequent condition of farms here, says Mayor Concepcion Balao.

The farmers, she says, have learned to deal with the cold and the frost that visits the town, where the highest point of Luzon's highway system can be found at 2,255 meters (7,400 feet) above sea level.

Although last week's episode earned the town some media attention, the worst crisis hit local farmers in 2004 when frost destroyed at least 935 farms, Balao says.

Balao says farmers cope by washing away the ice with water before sunrise, but water in her town is scarce and hectares of ready-to-harvest vegetables would still be damaged.

Experts at the Benguet State University in La Trinidad town says a well-timed planting strategy combined with the adoption of plant varieties resistant to frost appears to be the most practical means of avoiding frost damage on vegetables.

A SUFFERING Benguet farmer.

Dr. Percival Alipit, director of BSU's Horticulture, Research and Training Institute, says farmers must understand that heat is the enemy of frost.

Alipit enumerates several measures which farmers could adopt against frost: The use of plant varieties resistant to frost, use of potassium fertilizer and develop the habit of irrigating the farms in the afternoon.

He says farmers could also plant "low growing vegetables" or those plants whose stems and leaves remain close to the ground soil when they mature.

"There is much heat in the soil and the plant's rosette habit, or growing low, could trap much of this heat that would discourage frost formation," he says.

Alipit also encourages farmers to use fertilizers rich in potassium, like chicken dung, as means to combat frost.

"Potassium could generate carbohydrate synthesis among plants, resulting in the production of heat," he says.

Watering the farms in the afternoon could also be effective against ice formation in plants, he says.

"Frost usually happens at night and early morning. But when the plants are wet, it will be difficult for water molecules to condense and become ice," he says.

Dr. Carlito Laurean, BSU's research director, says weather forecasting and the use of greenhouses could also mitigate vegetable damages during the cold months from December to February.

"Farmers must adjust their planting schedule so that their crops would not be harvestable during the cold months," he says. *EV Espiritu and Delmar Cariño, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

MUFFLED FARMER. La Trinidad farmers tending to rows of strawberry bushes wrap themselves in cotton sweaters and knitted mufflers when temperatures fell.

Souvenirs that make your life sweeter

Instead of a figurine, try giving away personalized chocolates

Thank You! for Coming

EDIBLE souvenirs have yet to gain popularity among Filipinos.

By Sharon Robas-Macawile

GIVING SOUVENIRS DURING WEDdings, birthdays, baptisms and other special milestones have become part of the Filipino tradition.

Through the years, a lot of creative and personalized favors have become available to suit the customers' varied tastes.

But edible souvenirs have yet to gain popularity due mainly to Filipinos' penchant for token items that are meant for display like candles and figurines.

But this did not hinder Farah Kharen Orosco, 29, from conceptualizing an edible-souvenir business: Homemade chocolate bars with personalized wrappers.

Beginnings

A self-confessed chocoholic, Farah started baking chocolate cakes and cupcakes before she ventured in the chocolate bar enterprise. Her research in the Internet gave her the idea because chocolates with personalized wrappers are something new in the market.

After mastering the perfect chocolate recipe, OA sweets was born in 2004. OA comes from the initials of her father and mother's last names respectively—Orosco and Angoluan.

The BS Nutrition and Dietetics graduate from UST has always been an entrepreneur at heart despite coming from a family of professionals—a doctor dad and a nurse mom.

She fondly recalls selling hair clips and colored chalks to her classmates in grade school.

"Actually, at first, my parents were a bit 'scared' for me because of the risks involved in putting up a business but I told them, once I got started, OK *na 'to*. But they've always been very supportive," says the eldest in the brood of five.

Teacher

Farah has not really turned her back on a professional career. She teaches part-time to HRM students at the St. Paul University of Manila. She is also taking her Masters in Food Service Administration at UP Diliman.

"Being an entrepreneur helps me teach more effectively because I get to share to them my experiences in the food business," explains Farah who also has Hospitality Administration training at Mariott Hotel in the US.

In the beginning, she used to "market" the chocolates by sending e-mails to friends and other people inviting them to try her product. She eventually tied up with some wedding websites and joined a trade fair. Since then, orders have started pouring in.

OROSCO

The homemade chocolate bars come in the bestseller cookies and cream, choco crispies, choco pandan and white chocolate variety.

Wrapper designs vary according to what the customers like.

"Clients sometimes give me the idea or we can lay out for them. We usually give them at least two to three options to choose from or if they have the design already they could just give it to us through e-mail," relates Farah.

Photos, etc.

Customers can also include photos or special quotations to add a personal touch to each chocolate bar. Others, she says, use the same designs of their invitations. Wrappers are printed using glossy paper.

Weddings have been Farah's biggest market, adding that when she was just starting "that's the only event I know [where] my products would be most saleable. Later, I ventured to other events when my bride-customers ordered for their kids' special occasions."

Her chocolates have also become instant hits in school events such as proms and other corporate affairs.

The chocolate bars come in regular and bite sizes. Prices are P40 for the regular (minimum order of 100 pieces) and P25 for the bite-sized (minimum of 130).

Farah makes the chocolate bars herself while a graphic artist helps design the wrappers. She uses semi-sweet chocolates sourced locally because, she adds, they're inexpensive and don't melt easily.

Home-based

Although her business is home-based and chocolates are made on a per order basis, she still dreams of having a store of her own in the future.

"Hopefully, when people will already know that there's a chocolate for souvenirs I could have my own store. Right now, *hindi pa siya kilala* because here in the country, most people still think souvenirs are more of the display items. They don't have an idea yet that souvenirs can also be eaten," she laments.

OA has been tapping a wider market with the creation of its website. Web-based clients are growing in number and are hooked on Farah's unique personalized chocolates. As proof, testimonials of satisfied customers here and abroad are flooding the site.

And this is something that makes the entrepreneur's life sweet.

For inquiries visit www.oasweets.com or call 0917-8061877.

Rivermaya's Blanco sings different tune

By Riza T. Olchondra

RICO Blanco (center) and members of local band Arko explore Microsoft Vista

MAKING MUSIC IS NOT EXACTLY the quickest way to earning millions, especially with piracy to deal with, says Rivermaya front man Rico Blanco.

So he invests in his future by making his money work for him.

"Everyone grew up being taught to save in a bank, but what if you get overtaken by inflation?" he said on the sidelines of the Microsoft Vista launch at the SM Mall of Asia.

He was there to hand over a laptop donated by Microsoft to his nominated beneficiary, an up-and-coming band called Arko.

He shared, among other things, his view that musicians should concentrate on their music while they have the chance, but to keep their eye on the future.

"You should make your money work for you," he urged the crowd.

"Musicians mostly earn from shows, but we even have to buy a CD for our family. Ideally, musicians should earn from their albums, but that is not always the case. People don't think piracy hurts but it does," he said.

As for Blanco, he said he was a "hobbyist" before going full-time into making songs.

"As a kid, I would record songs on the radio, using double cassette recorders. I would take out the DJ's intro to make non-stop music for parties, then make demos in Karaoke, and I earned my first paycheck on a job I did with a computer, arranging minus-ones," he said.

He co-founded Rivermaya in 1993 and continued saving money, but the Asian financial crisis hit in 1997 and the value of his savings was drastically cut.

Blanco learned his lesson and he now puts his money in several currencies. He also has investments in several local bars and has even started investing in real estate.

"I buy the cheap stuff (land) that is likely to eventually increase in value," he said.

Blanco said he has also tried his hand in business by starting a clothing company in his hometown, San Pedro, Laguna, and found that he could do it well enough.

However, the business drew much time and effort away from his first love, music. So he has decided to stick to personal investments while pursuing his music.

"You have to strike while you're still musically relevant," he said. "But at least I know that I can do it (run a business) in the future, since I've done it before."

Flower arrangement training on Feb. 17

THE GOLDEN TREASure Skills and Development program will conduct a one-day seminar on fresh flower arrangement at the Vermont Blooms Unlimited at 9 Anonas Rd., Proj. 3, Quezon City on Feb. 17, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Topics to be discussed are sourcing of materials, costing etc. There will be a hands-on experience on how to make long and low arrangements.

Participants will receive certificates of training right after the seminar. Lunch and snacks will be served and all the materials will be provided. *For questions call 952-40-28; 436-78-26; 913- 65-51; and 951-29-66.*

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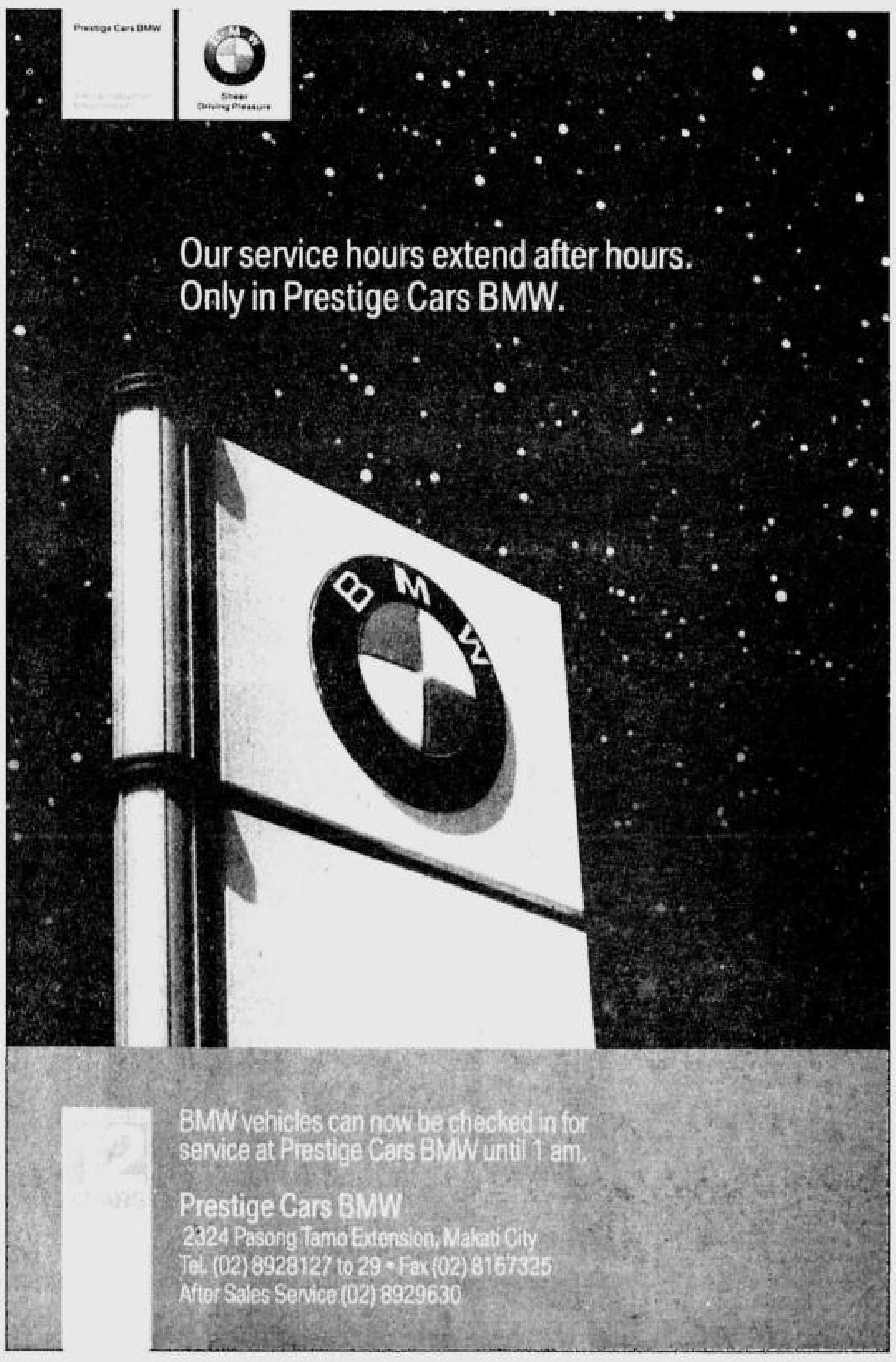

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Putting people on the road to success

Vehicle maker takes step to teach Filipinos how to fish

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FOR EVERY Urvan sold, UMC gives P1,000 to a cooperative that lends to microentrepreneurs.

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THESE DAYS, THERE'S A GLEAM IN ELIZAbeth H. Lee's eyes. She has the look of someone in the midst of a socially successful venture.

It started in March 2006 when Universal Motors Corp. embarked on its "Ur Van, Ur Business-Umasenso sa Urvan!" program. Through the UVUB, Lee and the company took the right turn from the usual business of making vehicles to offering convenience and added value to buyers.

"We're no longer in the business of just 'selling vehicles,'" says UMC's top marketing official. "We are now in the business of making a difference in other people's lives."

Barely a year later, Lee is seeing Phase 3 of the program develop into what is dubbed Asenso Negosyo Academy (ANA), which is a formal education program for Urvan buyers.

"UVUB has grown from using the Nissan Urvan as a viable mobile business venture (Phase 1), to reaching out to our OFWs and giving them a profitable option for investing their hard-earned money through direct banking services with the Philippine National Bank (Phase 2)," she says.

To put up the academy, UMC has teamed up with Asian Institute of Management professor Eduardo A. Morato, founder and guru of the school's Master in Entrepreneurship program, and Ruth S. Callanta, Women Entrepreneur of the Year of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Philippines 2005.

Through ANA, "Urvanites" have the privilege to take the entrepreneurship program for a nominal fee.

"Education seems the natural follow through for us to help, in our little way, husband the businesses which the entrepreneurs already started using our Urvans," Lee explains.

The ANA program consists of four aspects: on the entrepreneurial mindset; on creating a personal vision; an introduction to marketing; and another to financial management. These courses teach the functional areas of a business, such as applying the 4Ps of marketing and drafting various financial statements—basics that if neglected, will result in failure.

Barely a year ago, Lee proclaimed that through the Nissan Urvan Escapade and the Nissan Urvan Shuttle, UMC has decided to teach people "how to fish."

The first steps were taken with the Center for Community for Transformation in Manila, a credit cooperative with which UMC had been a partner in social advocacy and of which Callanta is president.

Since then, UMC has been turning over to CCT P1,000 for every Urvan unit sold. The money is used to lend to micro-entrepreneurs who needed funds but have no collateral for the usual loan arrangements.

"We have found the perfect formula to integrate business with social responsibility," Lee avers. "What can be more important than empowering enterprising people and aiding them in realizing their dreams?"

The UVUB program had targeted overseas Filipino workers who wanted to go into a business. The Urvan was proclaimed an "enterprise generator" and a "van of all trades."

The come-on is a low down payment of P90,000 for the vehicle that sells for about P1.2 million. The new Urvanite gains on the investment through any number of self-liquidating schemes suited to the Urvan design.

At the start, UMC recommended that buyers use the Urvan as a school bus or shuttle service or as delivery vans and ambulances.

"But, Filipinos, being natural entrepreneurs, there were those who had the courage and drive to leap outside the box and start something on their own," Lee recounts. "Some innovated to make the Urvan a mobile *carinderia*, mobile post office, or mobile retail store."

The newest ideas were to use the van as a mobile pet grooming shop or a mobile medical clinic.

Success stories

The Urvanites now include a homemaker who, eager to share in providing for her family, turned the everyday chore of fetching the kids from school into a full-fledged school bus service.

And there's the former newsboy delivering papers as he used to do but this time earning triple of what he did.

Then there is a the retired Army officer who plies the shuttle service route from Alabang to Makati and back on his own time.

With help from CCT, funds from the UVUB have benefited a *sari-sari* store owner with the seed capital to expand her store; a husband-and-wife team with money to renovate their home-cum-tailoring shop; a tricycle driver with a loan for his weekly gas expenses; a tinapa vendor with rent money for a small stall in the public market.

Through CCT's 139 branches across the nation, UVUB has touched the lives of 750 families so far.

Of course, UMC itself benefits from the efforts. As Lee herself relates, the firm has expanded its reach not only with the A and B segments, but the C segment as well.

"There was a tremendous response to UVUB. In the first nine months alone, we received 10,000 inquiries mostly by text messages," Lee recounts. "This means Filipinos want to work, are willing to work, to elevate themselves from relying on handouts."

Sales of the Nissan Urvan doubled to more than 140 units a month, even surpassing total van sales of the leading vehicle maker.

Seeing UMC's success, competitors have launched similar entrepreneurial programs.

Reaching foreign shore

"The program even reached the shores of our neighbor Malaysia where the UVUB program was featured in a leading auto magazine," Lee says. "During my recent trip to attend the Nissan Asean Conference in Bangkok last month, I was asked to share the UVUB program as best practice for other Nissan distributors to learn from.

In fact, Malaysia's Nissan wholesaler is now planning to replicate the program for Malaysians.

As for UMC, it continues to help OFWs, reaching those in the US, Australia, Europe, Middle East and other parts of Asia including Kazakhstan. Lee reveals that UMC will soon start to reach out to OFWs based in Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

"I've been asked, since buyers already bought our vans, why bother to help educate?"

Lee answers that UVUB has become a crusade. "We are not just aiming to sell a certain number of vehicles, but to help as many people as possible."

"In the end, no amount of courses, study, training can ensure success because it all depends on the person," the crusader ponders. "But we try to provide our clients with the tools and we are in this for the long haul.

Her new motto: To measure one's success by how much one contributes to the success of others.

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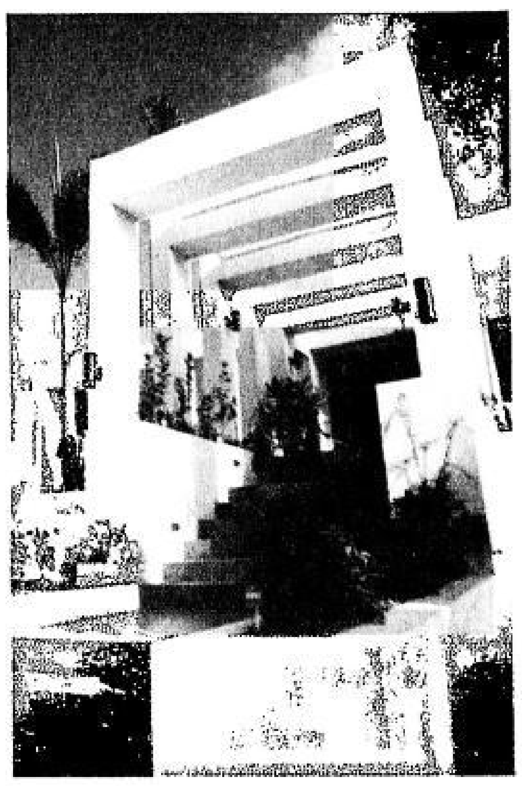

Enter the zone of romance, The Boutique Bed and Breakfast in Tagaytay

Text by Anne A. Jambora
Photos by Lyn Rillon

LOVE'S GIDDY FIRST BLUSH and its progression into aching affections come to life in this new boutique hotel in dreamy Tagaytay.

Dubbed by its owners as "the house of emotions," The Boutique Bed and Breakfast is a seven-room hotel built around the exquisite yarns of romance.

The Boutique's unique rooms and services have romance all covered—from the first furtive glances to the awkward conversations, from the first embrace to the lifelong commitment. The mushy, sappy and cheesy elements are rolled into one because, like it or not, that's how the universal language of love is still spoken.

"We wanted to put up a place that would be more than just a boutique hotel so we adopted this fun concept on the pleasures of living," said The Boutique's young visionary, Happy Ongpauco.

Along with business partners Allana Montelibano, Sweet Cañete and Melon Santiago, Ongpauco leased a lot June last year with the picturesque view of the Taal Lake, tore down the old house and rebuilt everything from the ground up.

As the clock ticked away closer toward Christmas, construction was at lightning speed 24/7. By late November, the Boutique had its soft opening and, sure enough, became fully booked for the holidays.

Rooms are named after seven emotions, what Montelibano called the "seven processes of falling in love": I Lust, I Dare, I Desire, I Dream, I Escape, I Surrender and I Love—and in that order, she stressed.

Montelibano said the rush of emotion begins with lust before one musters enough courage to say hello and strike up a conversation. "And then you get that dreamy faraway look and probably try to run away from the overwhelming sensation. When you get past that it's when you're ready to surrender and finally fall in love."

To the lonely or the inconsolable, sorry, but there is no room called I Regret.

All rooms are equipped with wall-mounted LCD TV, iPod-ready docks, king-size beds with 300 thread-count linens. On purpose, only I Lust, the presidential suite, has a bath—the old-fashioned, four-pronged fixture with soft curves on the edges. And only I Love has a four-poster bed. Second-level rooms I Dare, I Desire and I Dream have private terraces overlooking Taal; I Love and I Surrender, on the ground level, have patios, while I Escape has its own pocket garden.

Room rates, from P5,000 up per day, are inclusive of all-day breakfast in bed for two.

Pampered lust

Like the women behind it, The Boutique (tel. 046-4131885/1795/1698) knows what pampering guests truly means. Upon check-in, visitors are escorted into the Pamper Me room where they can choose from a variety of scents exclusively prepared for the hotel. Guests have options for their bath essentials, as well as room scents.

"We hired a chemist to come up with these wonderful products so that guests can bring their fantasies of luxury to the fore," Ongpauco said.

Making choices is a heady rush. For bath scents, people can choose from tea tree, choco mint, lavender and lilac, milk and honey, peppermint and green apple, etc. For room fragrances, people can choose from blackcurrant, orange, strawberry, grapes, ocean breeze, rose, apple and hydrangea, etc.

The Pamper Me room has toiletries for sale, as well as souvenirs such as "naughty" pillow cases, exclusive perfumes and make-up sets. Strip poles are also available upon request.

"We want our clients to fulfill their romantic fantasies at The Boutique. If striptease is in order, why not? We want them to feel at home and enjoy their stay. We are not trying to be sleazy here," Ongpauco said.

Designed by architect Jay Pabalan with interiors by Chat Fores, The Boutique's look is a combination of Old-World charm and modern fixtures. The style veers away from the square and the serious. Fun, after all, is the operative word in this hotel.

There is a pillow menu, too, to ensure the utmost comfort of guests so they can doze

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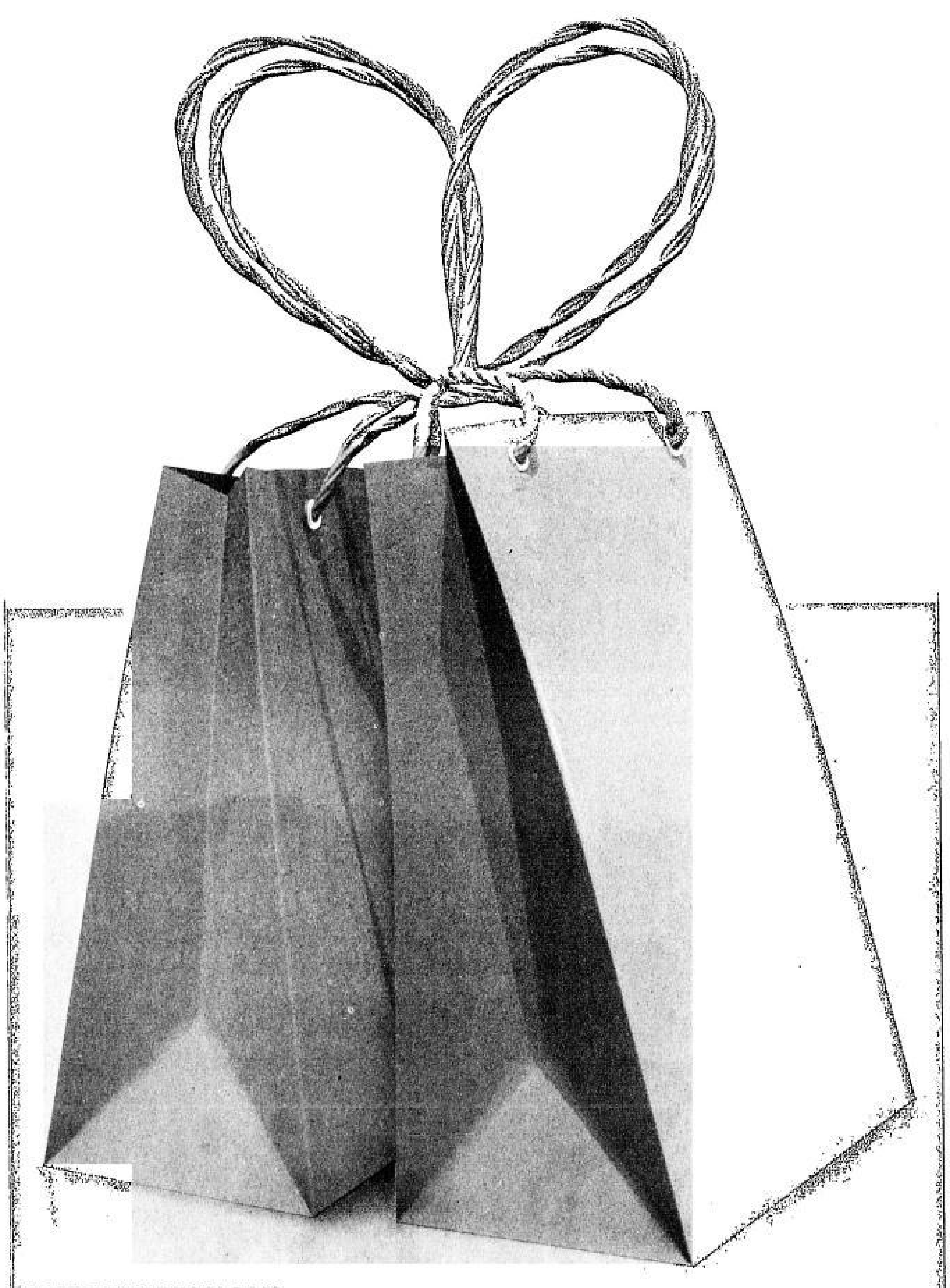

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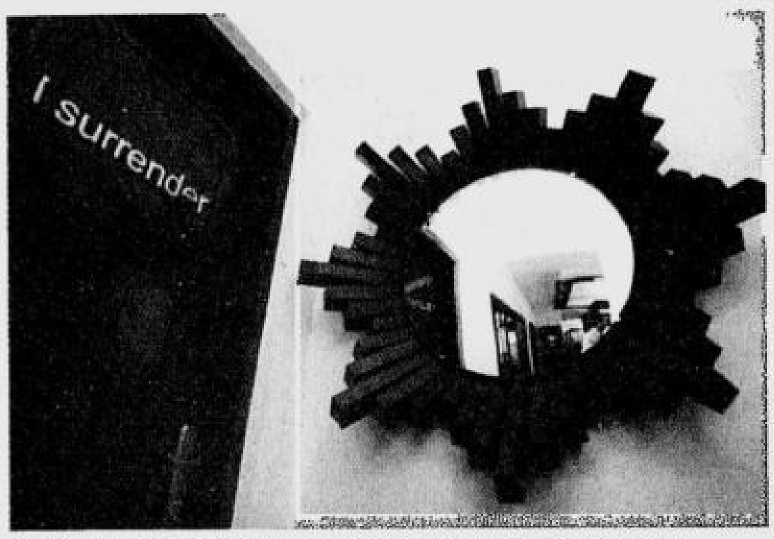
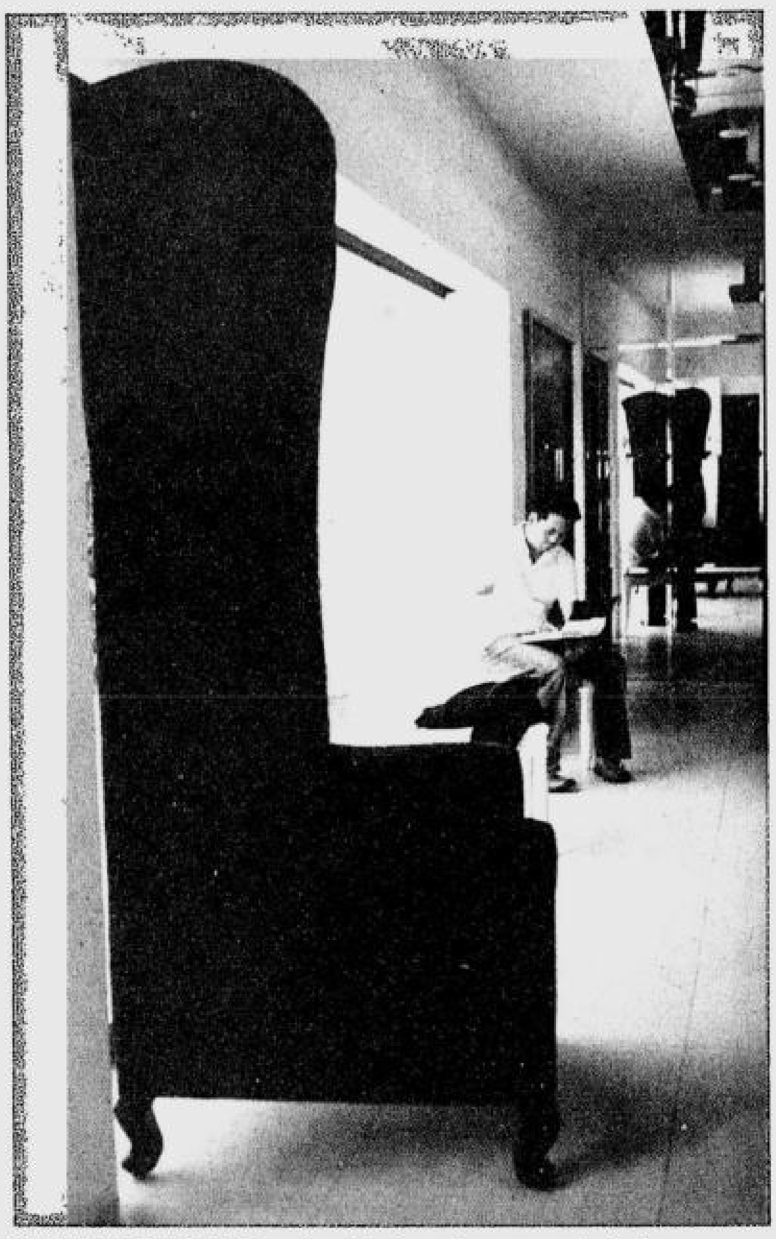


INTIMATE FANTASIES. One of seven rooms in the "house of emotions," where pleasures are indulged with first-class service



SEAT OF PASSION. Oversized chairs welcome guests in the reception area.

Torrid zone

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off into slumberland—if tucking away for the night is part of their agenda, that is.

Busy executives who can't live without their laptops in tow—even on a romantic holiday—have free access to Wi-fi Internet connection.

Hawaiian Bar-B-Cue, the bar and restaurant located on the ground floor, offers al fresco sitting with a delightful food menu. Ongpauco, after all, is a graduate of the Culinary Arts of America.

"There is a misconception that food infused with fruits is sweet. I mix my recipes with the right combination of fresh spices and herbs for the dish to avoid becoming too sweet," she said.

As Ongpauco is as passionate about food as she is about life, The Boutique is also lined with potted herbs and spices.

"We want to take our guests to a place so strange and yet familiar, and that is our emotions. This is sophistication, this is passion, this is the high life," Ongpauco said.

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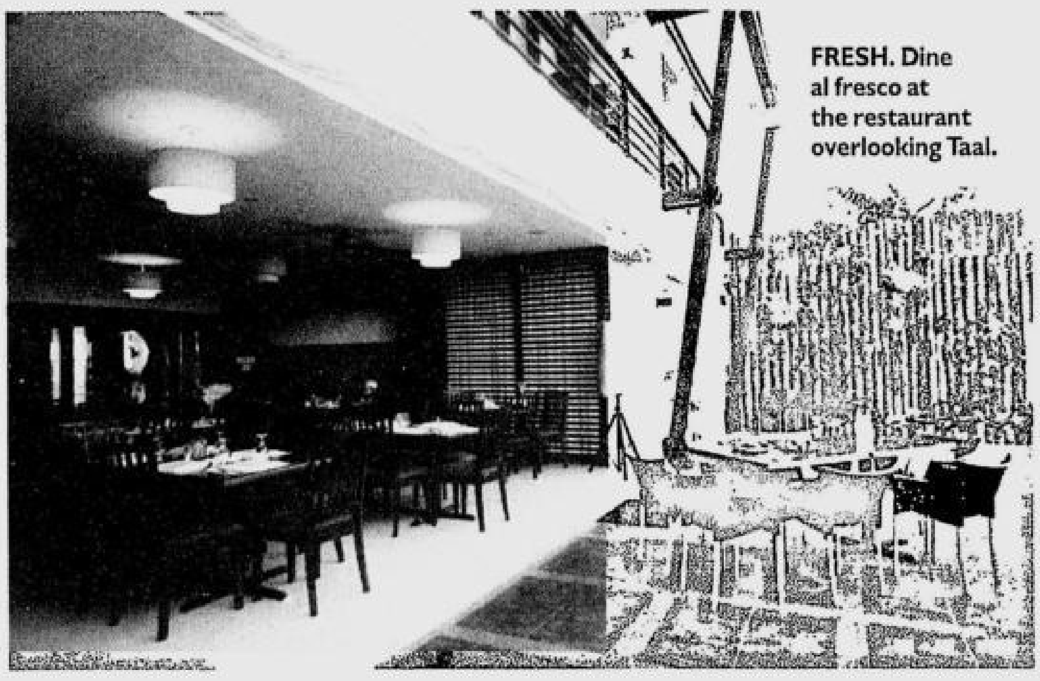

FRESH. Dine al fresco at the restaurant overlooking Taal.

Valentine trea

ARANETA CENTER CELEBRATES THE LOVE month with a slew of red-letter events.

Walk hand in hand down memory lane with love songs from the world's top balladeer, Cliff Richards, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. Set the mood for some good lovin' with nostalgic renditions from hitmakers Paul Williams and Dennis Lambert on the day of hearts, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m.

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Love spells fr

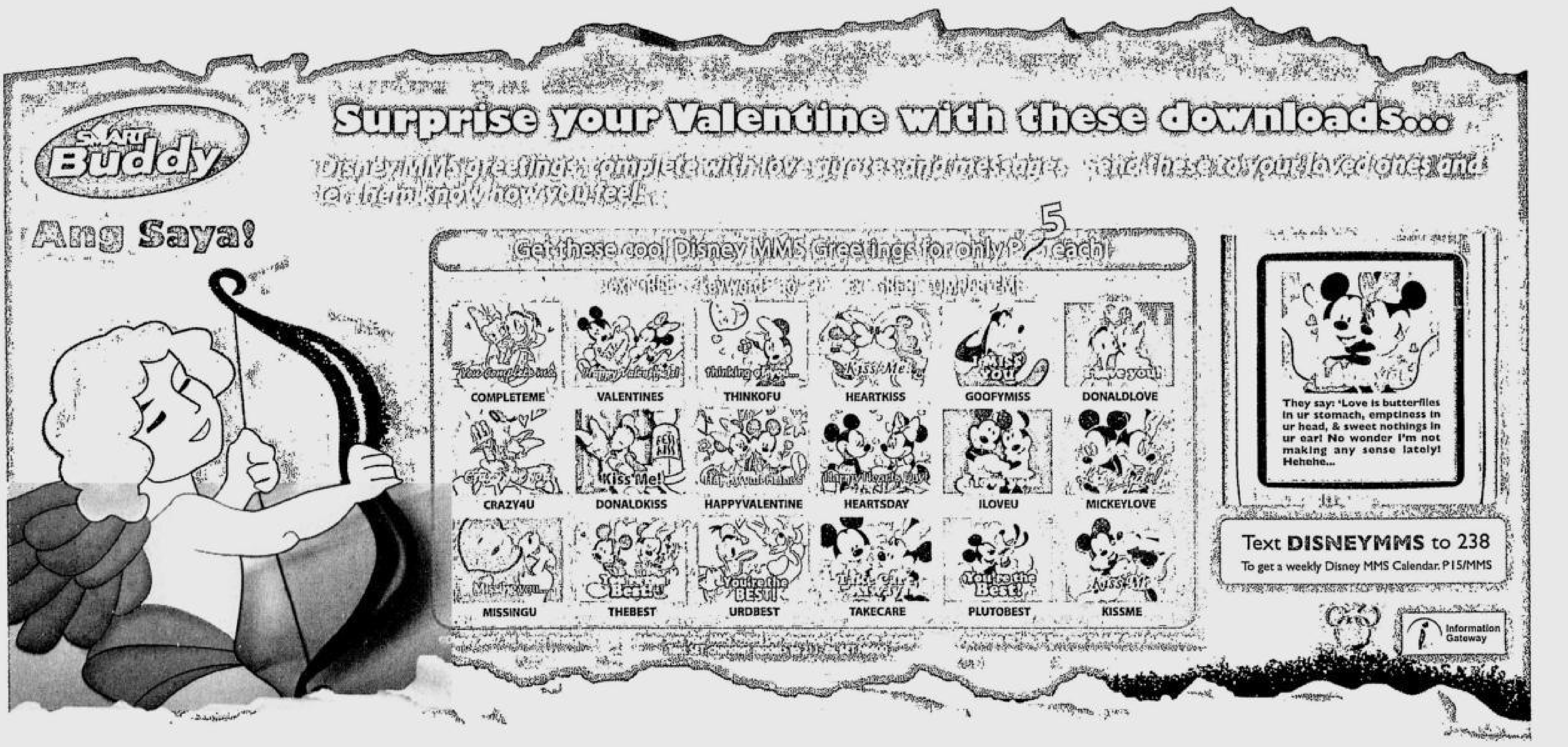
TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE THIS FEB. 13-18, Cabalen whips up aphrodisiac dishes such as Balot á la Pobre, Sisig and Inihaw Panga ng Tuna, together with Mango Passion Shake, which comes with a free huggable teddy bear for a romantic treat. On Feb. 14, Cabalen customers will get to know their love spell from the Love Fortune Basket, where special love messages await them. Also this month, Cabalen, "the Eat All You Can, Eat All You Want restaurant," features the best dishes across the country in "Flavors of the Islands." Savor the exotic taste of Palawan's Alimasag at Langka sa Gata and Pusit Pulutan, Binartek Nga Manok of Ilocos, Ensaladang Suha of Davao, Bulalo with Mais from Batangas, Bicol Express of Bicol, Gata Sari-Sari from Bulacan, Humba from Visayas, Iloilo's famous pancit Bam-I. Call 9111584, 4219220 or 9135522.

Authentic Thai feast

On Feb. 13-15, feast on authentic Thai cuisine at Oody's which comes with Bellagio Sparkling Red Wine for only P199 per bottle for a minimum purchase of P700. The authentic Valentine Thai lunch/dinner starts with Sukhothai Soup and the famous Crispy Catfish Salad. For the main dish, choose from the Squid Barbeque, Pad Thai Shrimp, Chicken Pandan and Fried Rice with Shrimp Paste and Omelet. The must-try dessert is Thai Halo Halo, a serving of special ingredients topped with crushed iced and served with a choice of fresh milk or coconut milk. Oody's is at Greenbelt 3, Robinson's Manila and Robinsons Galleria. For Oodys Xpress visit Market! Market!, SM North Edsa, Glorietta 2 and Gateway Foodcourt. Call 9111584.

Indulgent Valentine dinner

On Valentine's Day at CPK, dine to your heart's desire and order anything on the menu. No set menus or limited options. Choose from its many starters like the recently introduced Grilled Vegetable Salad—a garden of greens on chilled romaine lettuce garnished with avocados and sun-dried tomatoes. Or warm up and share your favorite soup, like the two-in-a-bowl medley of the Dakota Smashed Pea and Barley Soup or the Sedona Tortilla Soup. Steal glances at one another as you indulge in your main course—Kung Pao Spaghetti brimming with peanuts and red-hot chilies; or the new Thai Curry Noodles stir-fried with Asian vegetables and bathed in a green curry sauce. Of course when you're at CPK, you mustn't forget about the pizzas. Variety keeps life new and that goes for the new Greek pizza—Mediterranean-spiced grilled chicken and mozzarella frolic with a Greek chilled salad of cucumbers, tomatoes, olives and feta cheese, drizzled with a lemon-herb vinaigrette. Other options include Goat Cheese with Roasted Peppers pizza and the new Pepperoni Pomodoro—a cheesy little number with lots of pepperoni and herbs. For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Star City

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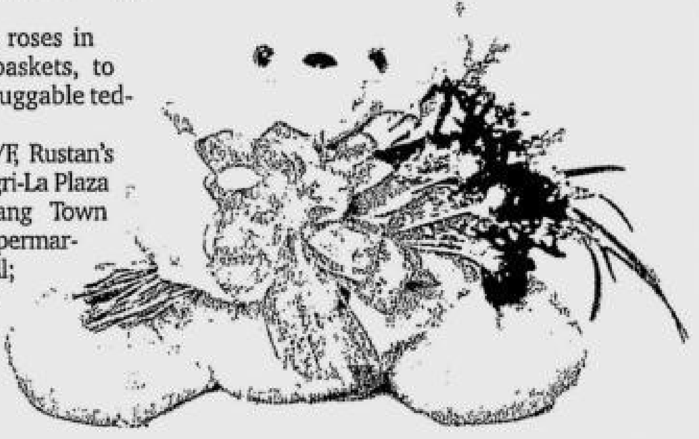

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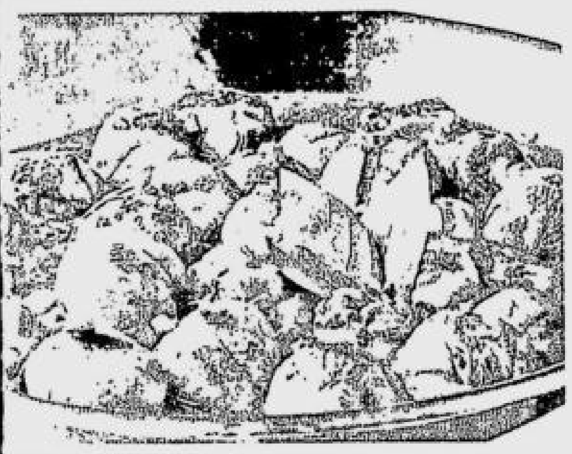
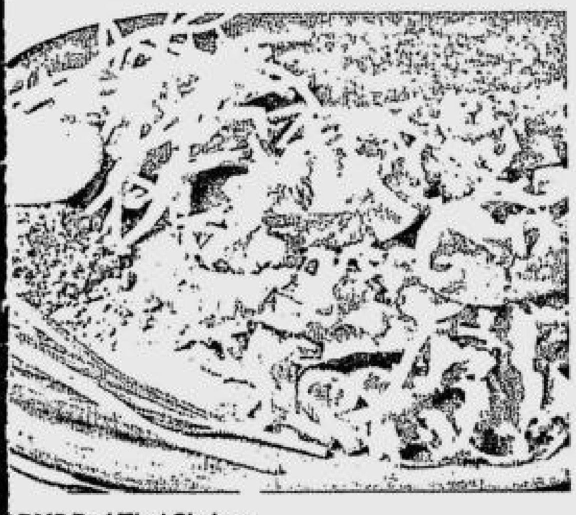


BALEN Balot á la Pobre



DYS Pad Thai Shrimp

K Strawberry Cheesecake

dessert, the Key Lime Pie is a delicious balance of sweet and tart. But since nothing says love like chocolate, then the Valrhona Chocolate Cake and the Belgian Chocolate Soufflé Cake should say everything that words couldn't. Visit CPK at Glorietta 3; Corte de las Palmas, Alabang Town Center; 2/F, Shangri-La Plaza Mall; Bellagio Square, Tomas Morato; and The Promenade, Greenhills. Visit www.globalresto.com.

3 Valentine specials

Portico chefs have come up with three special Valentine's Day dishes that combine the flavors of French cooking and the vibrancy of Asian condiments. The special items are available from 6:30 p.m. onwards on Feb. 14. Set Menu I (P750++) is highlighted by Chicken Extravaganza with shell pasta. Set Menu II (P800++) offers a choice between Pan-Fried Lapu-Lapu with lemon caper butter sauce, or Flatfish with cashew and chives served with sauteed rice with raisins and carrots brunoise. Set Menu III (P1,200++) features Aged Rib-Eye Steak bathed in *miso* hollandaise or Prawns with Pistachio and Oyster sauce. Portico is at Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Call 8560581.

Love-inspired menus

Sous chef Martin Algarra of Chateau 1771 in Ortigas Center has prepared three set menus for a romantic dinner for two. Set 1 (P725++) offers a choice between Linguini with Crab Meat or sautéed Chicken Supreme tossed in a butter, garlic, lemon and chili sauce. Set 2 offers Chicken Duxelle with a stuffing of mushrooms and served over vegetable dauphinoise (P775++) or Pan-seared Halibut served with roasted cherry tomato and marble potatoes (P850++). Set 3 is a choice between Surf and Turf served with vegetable rice over classic Diane sauce (P1,000++) and Salmon Osso Bucco with a vegetable medley (P900++). Valentine's Day diners will get special tokens. Chateau 1771 is at El Pueblo Real de Manila, ADB Avenue cor. Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Call 6317340 to 41.

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Have a coffee-inspired romance at Segafredo. The restaurant will serve a special Valentine treat of wide-ranging meals (rice dishes, entrees, pasta, salads and panini), highlighted by heart-shaped pizza plus dessert and coffee. Every purchase worth P350 from 11 am, on Feb. 14, gives a diner the chance to win Valentine goodies. An accordionist plays 8-11 p.m. Segafredo has branches at Greenbelt 2, the Podium in Ortigas Center, and, the newest, the I Bank Building in Greenhills along Ortigas Avenue near cor. Wilson St. Call 8925011 or visit www.segafredo.it.

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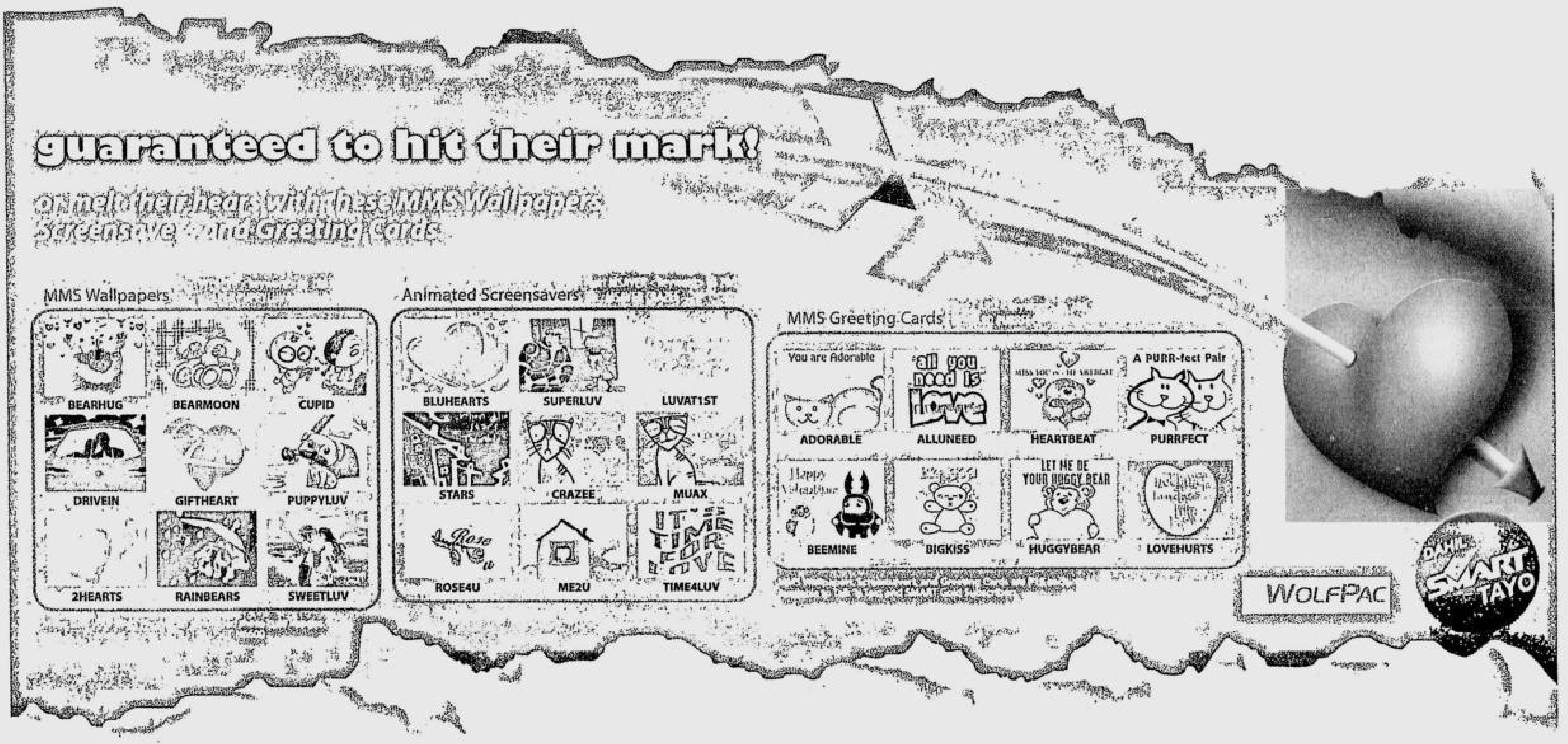
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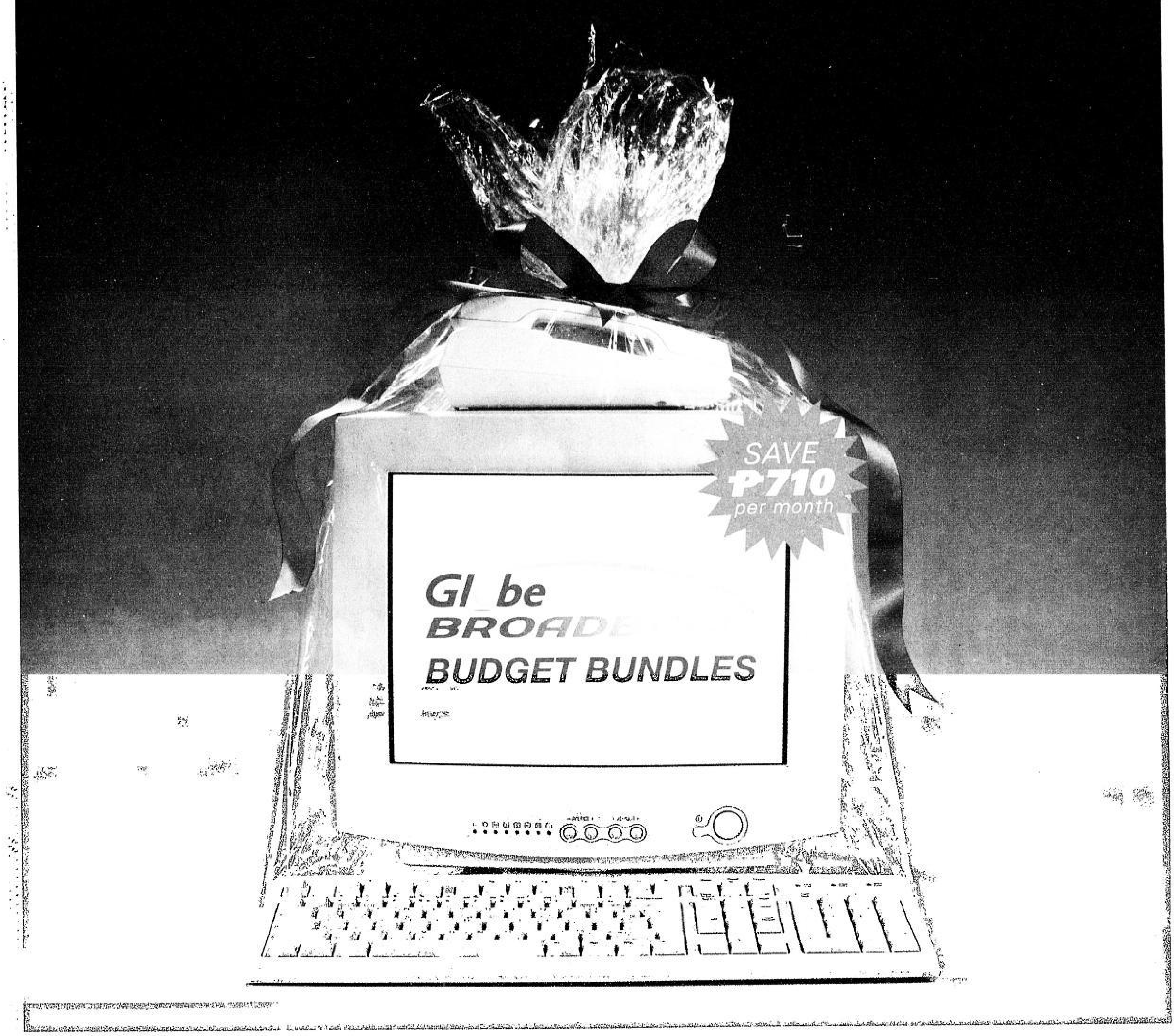

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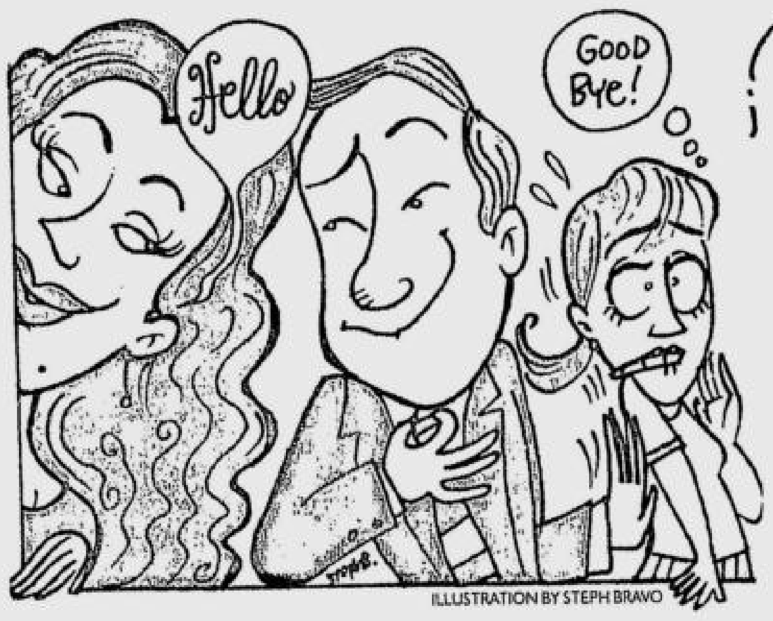

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Why love goes wrong

Loving the wrong person for the wrong purpose in the wrong place at the wrong price

By Grace Shangkuan Koo
Contributor

I TOOK POST-DOCTORATE studies at Harvard a few years ago and, as part of the course work in Adult Development, my classmates and I shared our life stories. All five of us had experienced marriage. But one had divorced after 12 years of marriage and another, after 22 years; one was childless, the other a single mother. A third had just reconciled with her spouse after a long separation; she was childless but had adopted two "difficult boys." The fourth one was married but childless for 22 years. I remained the only one married with kids.

The last to speak, I was hesitant, wondering if my story would sound so different and be interpreted as boastful. I said rather quickly and softly that I counted myself of "good fortune" to have had a most supportive husband and two lovely, well-behaved teenage children (then aged 18 and 15). I recounted episodes of our life and my group mates sighed with envy, at the same time asking me to share more.

Since then I have had many more of the same experience listening to middle-age women in seminars and even in church groups. I have heard stories of divorce, separation, annulment, singlehood, single parenting, fighting over custody of the children, seeking revenge for spouse's infidelity, etc.

And I wonder: Why should my story be counted among the exception?

Loving the wrong person

I believe the problem of most failed marriages is caused by not giving sufficient thought to the trustworthiness of the other person, and also of oneself.

Trustworthiness should be the No. 1 consideration in deciding marriage—not looks, money, power, family, etc.

I am often amazed at how an otherwise intelligent, accomplished person can be so foolish in love, falling for obviously untrustworthy persons who are glib and glamorous but decidedly dishonest!

To commit one's life and future to someone one cannot trust in the first place is marital suicide. One has also to consider if one's self is trustworthy enough for a lasting commitment.

Love in the wrong place

It pains me to see on TV girls suffering from anorexia, women living for their 39th plastic surgery, liposuction portrayed as a standard procedure, botox injection seen as lunch break. To think that a makeover could get the best suitor or win back a philandering husband is self-destruction.

If an inflated bust or a deflated tummy makes one's spouse change his mind so quickly about commitment and magically increase "his ability to love" another more and longer, one can be sure his love is not worthy.

And have we not noticed that even beauty queens and actresses, who possess more than their fair share of beauty, have also been betrayed and abandoned?

Love is not about a higher nose, deeper eyelids, smaller hips or shinier hair.

Love for the wrong purpose

"Why do people get married?" I asked my graduate students in Adult Learning class.

The discussion was noisier than normal as everyone had an opinion: Social expectation?

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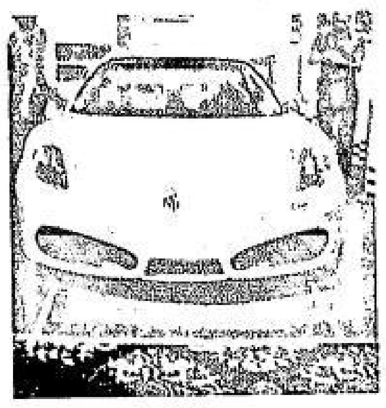
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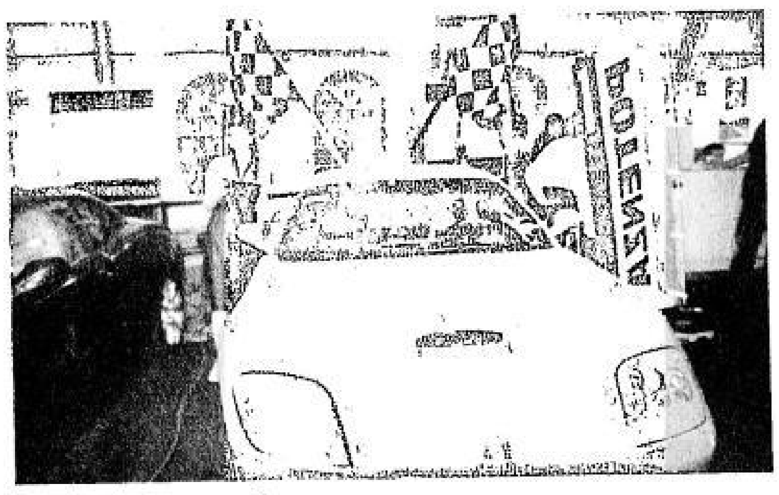
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Love's mysteries and luxuries

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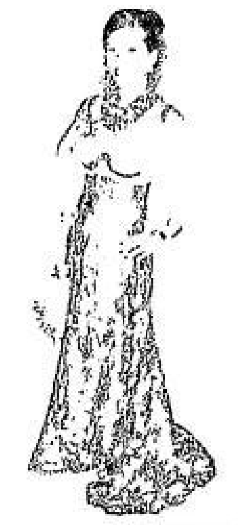

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IT'S THE WEEKEND BEFORE Valentine's Day, when we all go off on a shopping expedition to find the ultimate gift, hopefully where sky's the limit and money can't buy love but can surely get many other things that might generate love!

In the stratosphere of Valentine's lists, there are impressive and exotic car brands like Jaguar, Ferrari and Maserati. These brands make the strongest statement that one has truly arrived at the pinnacle of success, when one can say: "Honey, here are the keys to your new convertible. Happy Valentine's Day!" And ideally, the honey referred to is actually one's spouse.

At the Manila launch of the 2007 Petronas Malaysian Formula 1 Grand Prix, Ferrari had a beautiful display along with the rest of the Formula 1 entries like Mercedes Benz and BMW. Standing right next to such a powerful and virile piece of metal, I imagined myself raising a checkered flag wearing a red, patent bodysuit and thigh-high stiletto boots.

The well-attended party for F1 enthusiasts was held at the NBC Tent. The Ferrari brand was represented by a 575 Maranello, an F430 and the focal point of the entire fleet, the blazing-red Formula 1 car that was specially flown in by Shell. Exclusive car dealer **Willy Soong** told me that this first official F1 event was to create buzz about the upcoming F1 races in Sepang, Malaysia.

That evening, a lucky winner received the grand raffle prize of a cruise for two to Malaysia with tickets to Sepang. For those who didn't win, there are many roads to Sepang, where one can enjoy the whiff of high-octane fuel and the roar of unmuffled, turbo-charged engines.

Gift of time

Of course, for most of us, cars are out of the shopping range. Closer to earth might be the gift of time, such as the Jaeger-LeCoultre Reverso Squadra World Time Chrono in titanium. This distinctively masculine timepiece, with its powerful and elegant square proportions, bespeaks classic beauty and timeless allure.

The most beautiful Reverso Collection in 75 years is now touring the world and Lucerne has brought the extraordinary, new-generation JLC watches to the Philippines. The sophisticated launch party at M Café presented three different chronograph designs, available in steel, 18-carat rose gold or a limited edition of 1,500 in titanium.

For true connoisseurs of fine watches, the JLC Reverso Collection is an absolute must—a timepiece with the highest standards of precision and efficiency thanks to its extraordinary technical system. I just love the alligator leather strap with its folding buckle and square casing that smoothly flips over.

Over the holidays, I spoke to Lucerne royal couple, **Emerson** and **Lingling Yao**, about a Christmas gift for Dennis, my Swatch-loving husband. During the launch of the world's most luxurious mobile phone, Vertu, Emerson suggested several watch options that were quite interesting but I couldn't decide so I still owe him a gift. Thank goodness he doesn't mind my lateness! Five Christmases, Valentine's and birthdays from now, he might finally get a Reverso.

Gift of beauty

If high-end watches are off the charts, maybe the gift of beauty is more within the range. Clinical skincare without a prescription is now available, bridging the gap between cosmetics and surgery. An Australian cosmetic line called Skin Doctors, available at Rustan's, has amazing products that enhance the skin without surgery. Anti-aging creams, zit zappers, eye-bag removers, sexier lipsticks and facelifts-in-a-jar are just some of the wonders Skin Doctors can deliver.

I am testing their Stretch Away Cream in hopes of ridding myself of stretch marks from 20 years of having babies. If Skin Doctors doesn't work, then I might as well get a tummy tuck from show-biz skin doctor **Vicki Belo**.

According to Skin Doctors' marketing director **Shelly Lazaro**, their repeat customers are positive signs that their products are effective. For surgery-phobic clients like myself, Skin Doctors is the way to go.

Skins Doctors was recently launched at the Rustan's Tower at Shangri-La Mall, together with an ultra-cool makeup line called Tali Shine. Australian beauty creator **Tali Shine** graced the event together with the Australian ambassador and Rustan's CEO **Rico Tantoco** as guests of honor.

Tali Shine packaging is quite attractive with its chic, animated graphics. The shades in the makeup sets are great for traveling and very portable for work touch-ups. I heard that Tali is a groupie of American pop princess **Paris Hilton**. Aside from makeup, Tali also has bath and body products that smell quite delicious. It's wonderful that Rustan's carries all these upcoming brands.

Say it with flowers

Sometimes the budget for love needs to be down to earth. In this case, flowers say, "love is all that matters." Instead of the usual roses-are-red standards, why not try giving lovely lisianthus, softly blown, rose-looking flowers? Kartini Flora at the Alabang Town Center has a wide array of colors of these multi-bud pretty flowers.

Kartini (tel. 8074356 or 7880242 or log in to www.kartiniasia.com) is a one-stop garden oasis showcasing different garden styles, flowers, plant nursery, exotic furnishings and natural stones. The relaxing sound of cascading waters invites calmness as customers enter its lifestyle landscapes.

Furniture passion

Prominent landscape artist **Nina Malvar** established Kartini Asia, which offers a wide variety of Asian furniture, decorative accessories and natural stones. A visit to Kartini is a relaxing and inspiring experience where wonderful ideas for garden concepts can be picked up. Her palm trees are also so beautiful.

Longtime friend **Kit Zobel** and I cut the ribbon recently and were handed gigantic bouquets of lisianthus. The flowers are gorgeous and perfect for this Valentine season.

Most important of all to remember this V-Day, is that ultimately budget is irrelevant. The tightest hug and the sweetest kiss will do!

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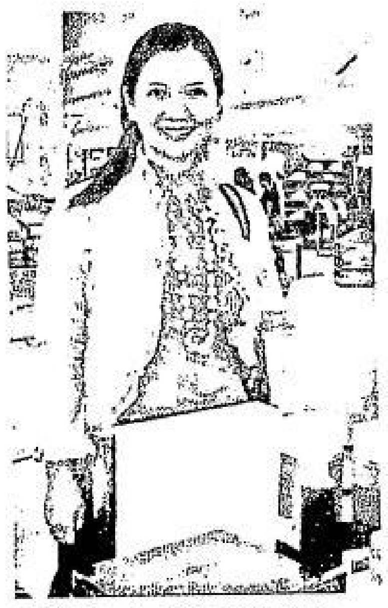
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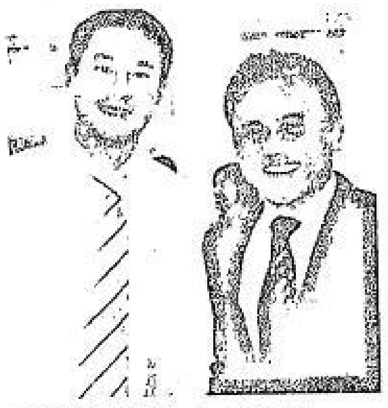
DOCTOR'S Choice owner William Llamas and Rustan's CEO Rico Tantoco Jr.

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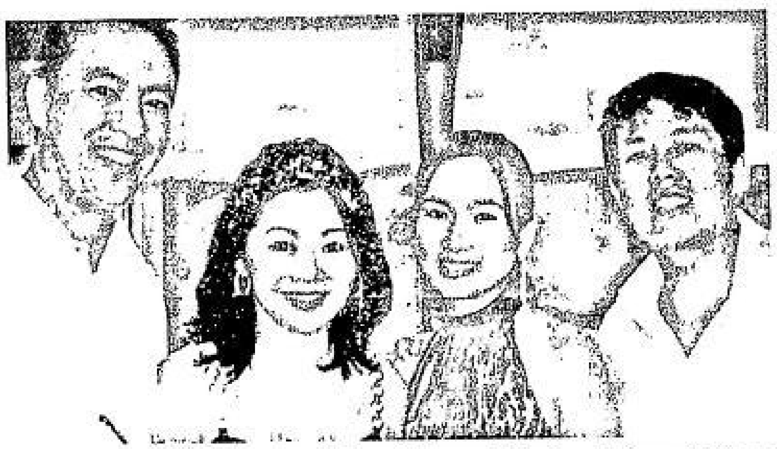
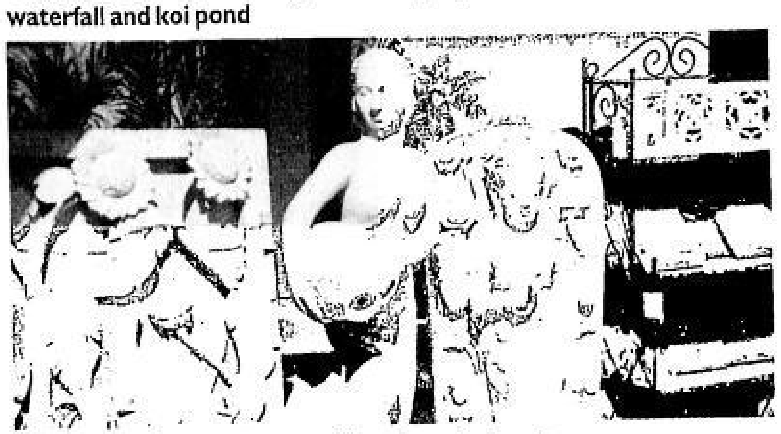
KARTINI Asia at Alabang Town Center. Sea Princess, owners Nina and Jun Malvar and Kit Zobel


POWER couples Michael and Angeli Tan and Cindy and Kenneth Yang

CABANA setting featuring Kartini display of furnishings beside the waterfall and koi pond

AUSTRALIAN delegates Alan and Janice Morell, Tali Shine, Wendy Hely, Shelly Lazaro, Australian Ambassador Tony Hely and Sea Princess


KARTINI Asia natural stone décor from Indonesia

SM launches the Versa Bra collection

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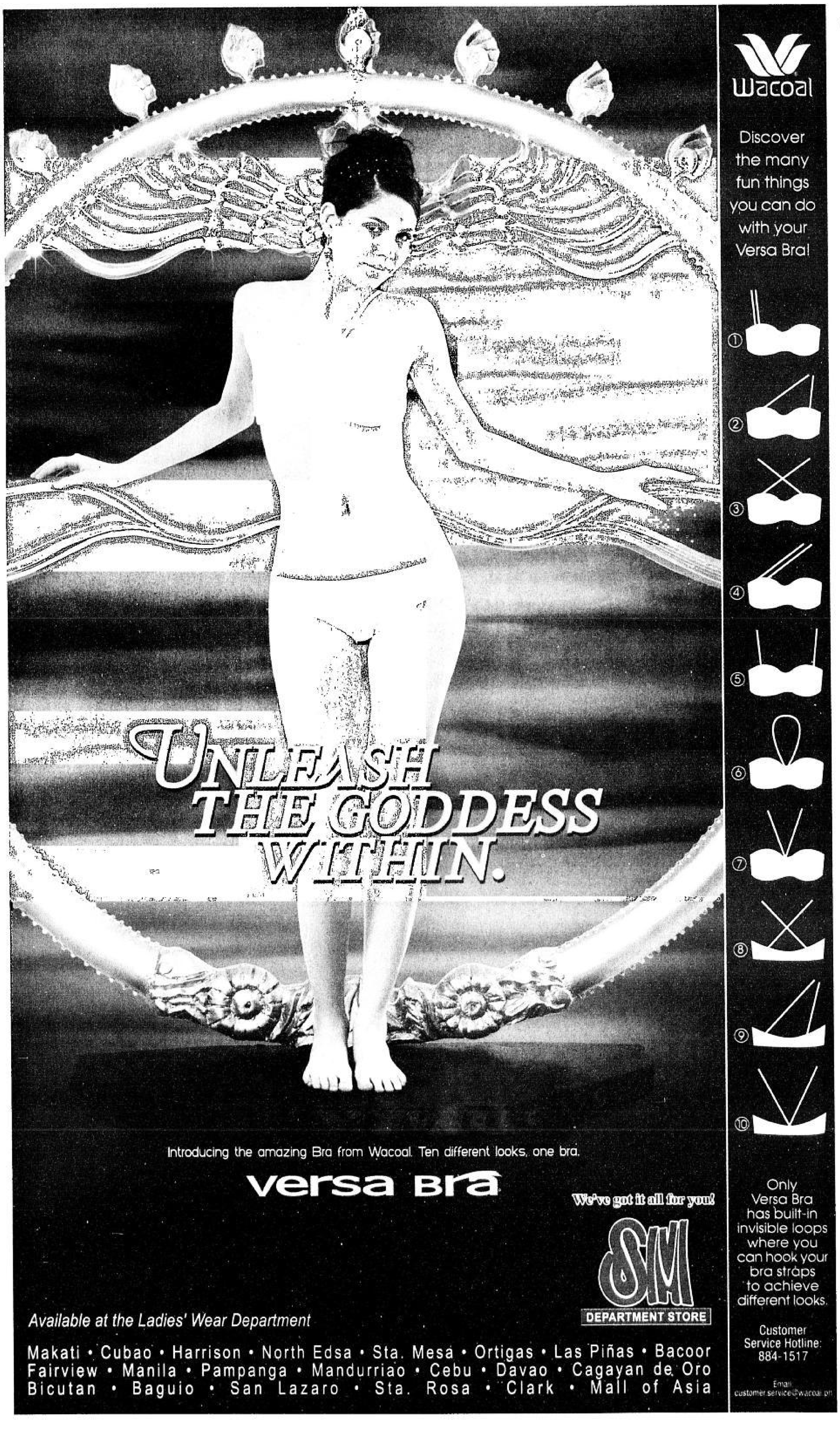
SM Department Store – the country's largest retail chain – has been chosen by Wacoal, a leading international designer of quality intimate wear for women, as the venue to launch the **Versa Bra**, an innovative and versatile shape enhancer that can be worn 10 different ways.



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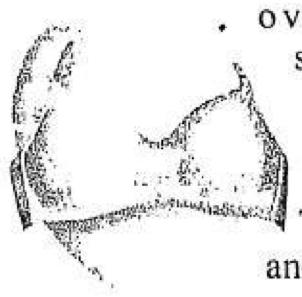

- as a standard bra with over-the-shoulder straps, ideal for regular T-shirts and dresses
- as a normal two-strap bra with the central strap around the neck
- as a halter, as demonstrated by the advertised item in this page
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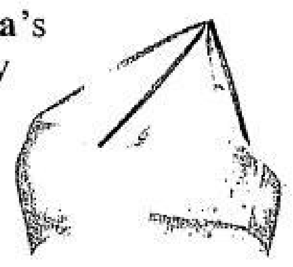


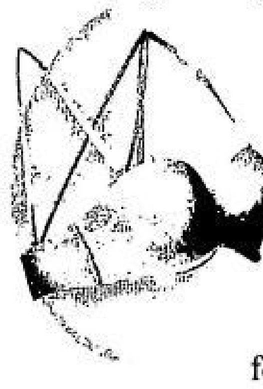
Versa Bra's adaptability to a wide range of fashion styles eliminates the need to change from one bra to another.

> ***"A woman's bra wardrobe should be as well thought-out as the outfit she wears over it."***

A few basic facts on intimate wear

☑ 8 out of 10 women wear the wrong bra size
☑ a bra should make you feel beautiful as well as enhance your wardrobe
☑ a properly fit bra should be comfortable, and should contain, support, lift and shape your bust
☑ you should be professionally fitted for a bra once a year
☑ you must try on a bra before you buy it
☑ always wash bras and panties before you wear them for the first time

A reminder



Visit a Wacoal consultant at your nearest SM Department Store and get measured for the right bra.

Why love goes wrong

From page D1

Build a family? Sex? Career move? Money? Convenience? Migration? Love?

The young talk of romantic love as if they know it best! The old talk of pragmatic goal much like they have lost faith in love.

Women dream of a family in picture-perfect sense. Men look for sex in progressive perfect tense!

Is there a purpose in marriage? Should there be one? Is unplanned marriage more romantic than planned? How much thinking should be involved in decision?

The bottom line for me is: If one does not have the ability to love someone unselfishly enough to protect and cherish her/him, to look after her/his best interest—sometimes above his/her own—and to do so for a lifetime, I don't think the relationship will last.

Love at the wrong price

When I hear people sharing tearfully about the hardships and pain that come with marriage, I wonder if marriage is actually a blessing for them.

Why the suffering and misery? Are we to be masochistic in love? Isn't love supposed to be something wonderful and fun, and marriage and family a joy?

I suspect there are too many martyrs of their own making. I meet people whose self-esteem and confidence are so low, expectations so nonexistent that they are willing to put up with anything!

Not having experienced true love from their family, many are willing to throw away the most basic caution to the wind and have their last ounce of dignity trampled—for the cheap thrill of "love."

Marriage is a partnership of two equals and the price that they give should not be unreasonably skewed to one side.

Love does not have to be blind. Blaise Pascal says, "Clarity of mind means clarity of passion, too."

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Passion per scent

Three suggestions for Valentine's gift-giving from the exhilarating realm of fragrances

LIKE the woman it was made for, The One by Dolce & Gabbana is every ounce the diva—sensual, seductive and spectacular. Encased in a classic rectangular-shaped flacon with a twist cap reminiscent of a gold bar, the fragrance opens with an exciting, modern interpretation of fresh fruits—juicy peach, delicate lychee and mouth-watering mandarin, lightly contrasted by smooth vanilla.

THE NEWEST women's fragrance by Kenzo is a woody, musky, floral scent. Kenzoamour's elements evoke vivid memories of traveling through Asia's exotic destinations: extracts of white tea from China, cherry blossoms from Japan, milky Thai rice, frangipani flowers from Borobudur; freesia and *thanaka* wood from Burma, and white musk from Bali. The bottle, which is a stylized expression of an abstract bird, comes in fuchsia, white and orange.

NINA, a fragrance by Nina Ricci, is enchantingly sweet and addicting with top notes of Calibrian lemon and Caipirinah lime; heart notes toffee apple, peony and moonflower; and base notes of apple wood and white cedar. The fragrance is presented in an apple-shaped flacon adorned with dainty silver leaves. It is sweet, fruity, vibrant, crisp and rich—as tempting as the legendary fruit that has bewitched maidens and princesses.

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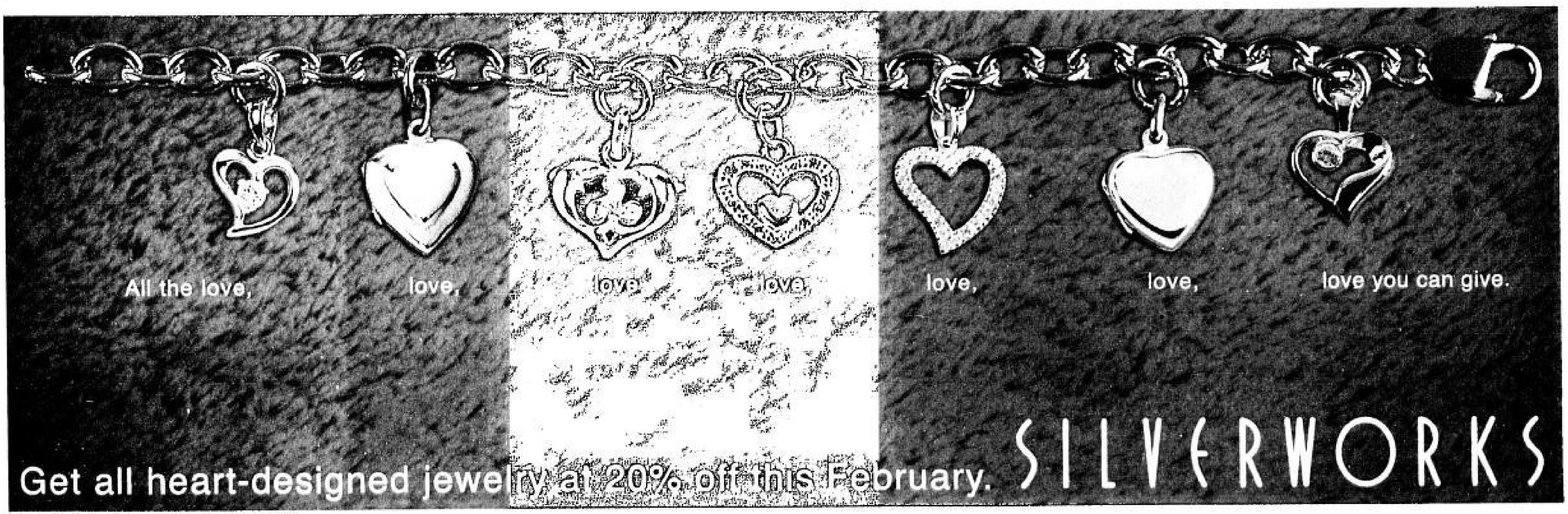

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Gourmet Chinese dining at 30,000 feet

The positive response to the menu prepared by Mandarin encouraged PAL to repeat the promotion from February to November

WOK-FRIED spareribs with Japanese rice in lotus leaves

By Michaela Fenix

ON THE TABLES AT THE TIN Hau of the Mandarin Oriental Manila Hotel were several airline trays. They created the needed setting for airline food that we were to taste that day.

It was the second tie-up of the Mandarin and Philippine Airlines to produce Chinese food for passengers. The first one was in September. The positive response to the menu encouraged the airline to repeat the promotion from February to November this year.

Helmut Gaisberger, Mandarin general manager, welcomed the guests and introduced chef Hann Furn Chen of the Tin Hau whose recipes are used for this promotion.

PAL executive chef Ian McKenzie informed us that all the food we were about to eat were made by his PAL team in the airline' sown kitchen. It was a sort of dry run because food would really be transported from kitchen to the plane.

For appetizers we had scallops with a fish roe sauce, drunken chicken in green ginger sauce and braised vegetables and mushrooms encased in bean curd skin then pan-seared.

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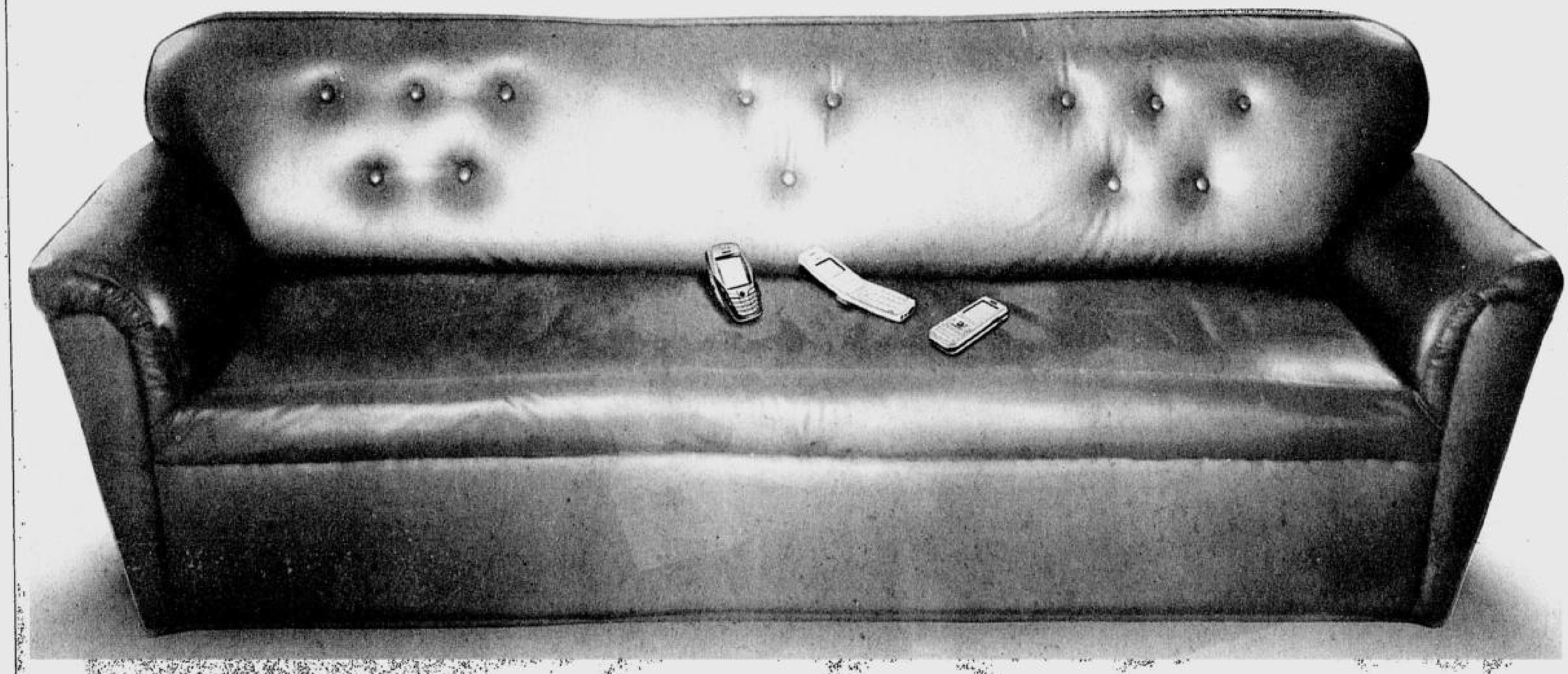

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Gourmet Chinese dining at 30,000 feet

A CHOICE of desserts in small bowls

From page E1

The mantao breads came next, fried breads best eaten with dishes with sauce. It would have been easy to fill up on the bread because it was flavorful.

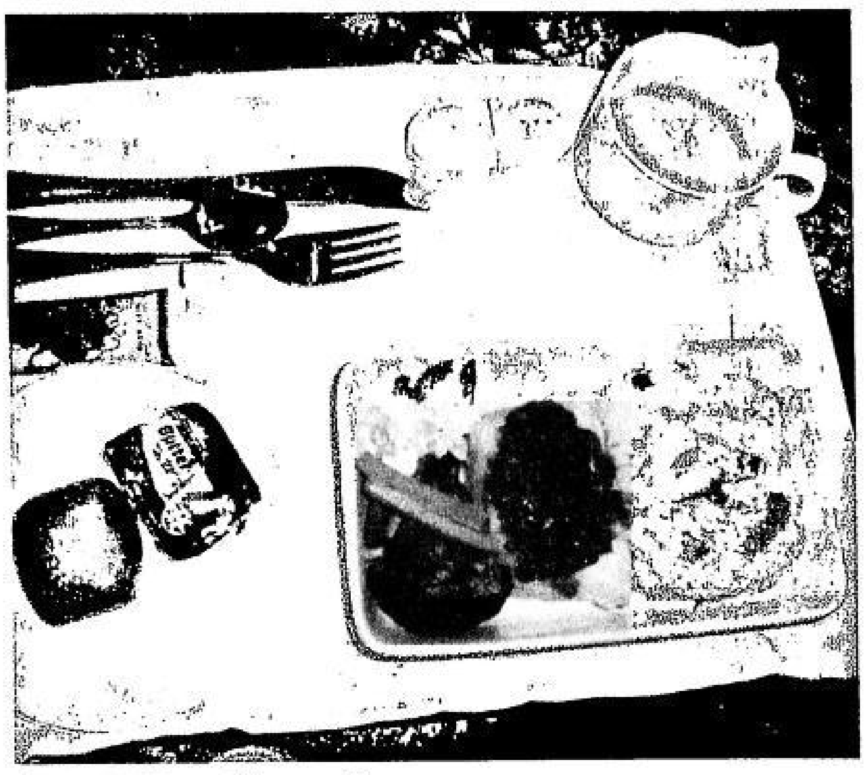
There were three main courses to choose from. While most people at the table chose seafood items, it was wok-fried pork spareribs for me. I've always believed that pork and Chinese cooking are unbeatable.

Served on the airline container, the pork spareribs came with steamed Japanese rice wrapped in lotus leaves. It was difficult to cut the leaf but chef McKenzie said, when the dish was served in the plane, the leaf would have been cut.

The ribs had a peppery sauce and was accompanied by stir-fried Chinese broccoli.

The other choices were both steamed—cod and chicken. The cod had bean crumbs, broccoli with a salted egg sauce and served with fried rice. The chicken had a ginger-leek sauce with Shao Xing wine and served with Beijing noodles.

There were more main courses on the menu and they were displayed on tables set on one side of the dining area—poached seafood, honey ginger chicken, steamed sea bass and fried prawns, each with specific accompaniments.



THE AIRLINE tray, Chinese-style

Dessert in small bowls were set out on the Lazy Susan and everyone was asked to taste each one. There was almond jelly with lily bulb and wolfe berries, a round layer that combined flan and *ube* jam, a layered coconut milk concoction that was a *sapin-sapin* version, and a fruit bowl with lychee, papaya and pineapple.

Tea is a good beverage combination for the food but wine choices are also available. I tried the ribs with a red wine and it was perfect.

A nice touch was the XO sauce in a small plastic pack. It completes this Chinese experience on board a PAL flight.

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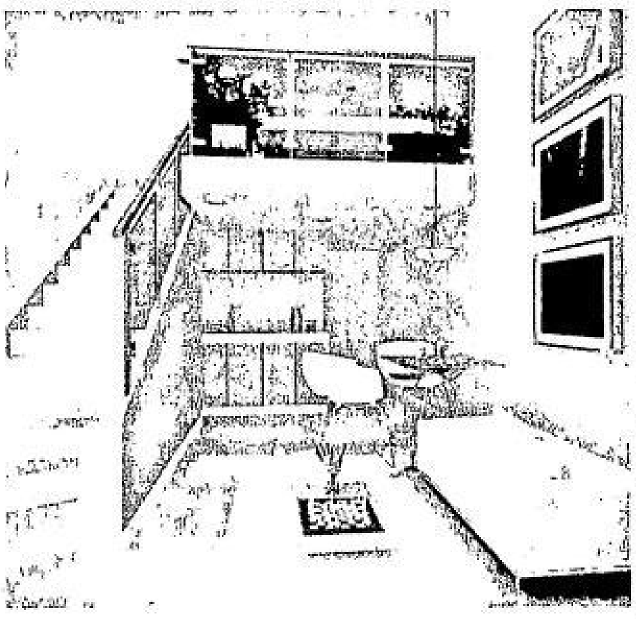
‘Feng shui’ home solutions

A CLEAN, BRIGHT AND SPACIOUS dwelling is always more receptive to the universe’s positive energy. According to *feng shui*, the centuries-old Chinese art and science of placement and design, it is important to ensure the free flow of energy (or the life force called chi) inside our homes. This task need not be tedious and financially draining. Here are three simple ways.

De-clutter and organize. Throw away old things that might be blocking the flow of energy in your home. Repair damaged pipes. Invest in storage spaces.

Add color. And when you do, choose a color scheme that reflects your personal taste. According to *feng shui* experts, this is important so that the occupant feels connected to his home, and thus improve his comfort level. Light colors are associated with youth and creativity, while dark colors harness career and knowledge.

Welcome the light. Good lighting in your home does not necessarily mean buying expensive lighting fixtures but having good natural illumination. *Feng shui* masters believe that all creatures on earth are phototropic, or constantly moving toward the light. Natural light exerts a powerful physical force, affecting the body and the rhythms of life. Opt for large windows or glass panels that will expose your home to natural light.



UNCLUTTERED living at Grand Soho Makati’s modern one-bedroom loft

All these design elements—uncluttered living spaces, a personal touch of color and the presence of natural light—make Grand Soho Makati (GSM) a unique and distinguished residential condominium to rise in the heart of the Makati Golden Triangle. Flanked on three sides by major thoroughfares—Makati, Buendia and Ayala Avenues—GSM’s location is even deemed lucky by *feng shui* experts.

GSM offers additional storage spaces on the parking levels for personal use of unit owners. A first in condo living, these storerooms solve the problem of space for high-rise residents who may not have the luxury of backyards or garages to accommodate items that clutter their otherwise chic living spaces.

Century Properties, the visionary developer behind GSM, offers the best of modern luxury and design philosophy by putting the same design team behind the award-winning Essensa East Forbes (awarded by Asiaweek as the Philippine’s Best Residential Building) on the project.

GSM is fully fitted and fully furnished, so residents will never have to worry about buying appliances and furniture or hiring interior decorators, as each unit is turned over complete with bedroom, kitchen, living room and dining room showcases.

What’s more, residents can choose from three exceptional interior design options: Modern, Sleek and Contemporary, each with its own light, dark or combination themes which allow for creative and elegant use of color in a style that’s all the resident’s own.

ILLUMINATE your space with oversized glass windows and soaring ceilings at GSM’s sleek two-bedroom loft.

Each unit benefits from the abundant light and natural illumination to give the feeling of space and freedom. The ultra-exclusive Skyloft units at GSM boast of 18- to 20-foot-high ceilings and oversized glass windows offering breathtaking views of the city. These select townhouses in the sky open up to the sundeck and infinity pool overlooking Salcedo Village.

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Say it with beads and charms

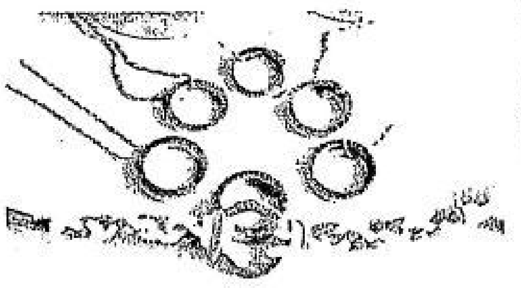
THE BEAD SHOP, THE COUNTRY'S PIONEER in beaded and craft jewelry, celebrates friendship, romance and love with two distinct Valentine Gift Collections.

"Heart Song in A Glass" features the fine art of rice writing. Glass vials containing grains of rice inscribed with endearments, love notes or the names of loved ones are custom-designed into classic yet fashionable necklaces, bracelets and charms.

Messages and words have more impact when put into writing. Say what you mean and mean what you say with the exclusively designed metal "Saying Rings"—a versatile gift accessory that can be worn five ways (ring, necklace, bracelet, belt charm or anklet). Choose from five different messages or words namely: U R My Happiness, Luck, Love, Wealth, Happiness and Best Friend. Each pack contains a short poem or quote that depicts thoughts on these topics.

These fun and functional pieces from The Bead Shop are ideal not just for couples, but for everyone who has a loved one in mind this coming Valentine's including parents, teachers, children and best friends.

The Bead Shop's Valentine's collection is available at the following branches: Ayala Center Cebu, Power Plant Mall, Glorietta 2, SM Megamall, SM City North Edsa, SM City Cebu, Eastwood City, Robinson's Galleria, Robinson's Place, SM City Fairview, SM Southmall, SM Bacoor, Cavite, SM Manila, SM Sta. Mesa and Sta. Lucia East. Call 6365549.



SAYING Rings can be worn five ways—as rings, necklace, bracelet, belt charm or anklet.

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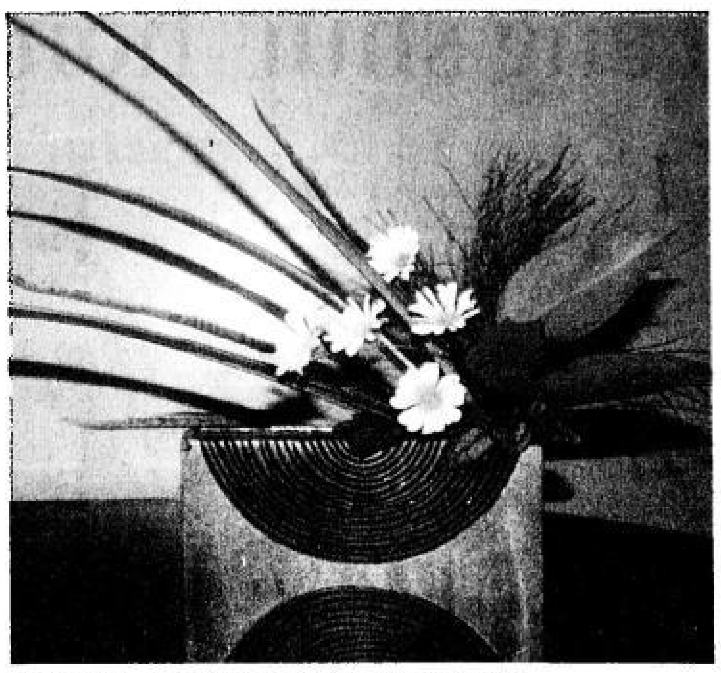

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SEMINAR

A seminar-workshop on flower arrangement for business and pleasure will be conducted by Ikebana professor Serapion S. Metilla, 1-6 p.m., Feb. 21-25, at Metts Plant Arts, King Louis Garden Center, Manila Seedling Bank corner Edsa and Quezon Avenue, QC. The five-day workshop will cover Ikebana with hands-on on Moribana and Shoka; Western style: all-around or one-sided and L-shape; Western style: crescent shape, Hogarth line and flower shop operation; Free styles, buffet or party centerpieces and garland making; and Corsage, bridal bouquet-making and other wedding arrangements. Materials like pruning scissors, flower vases, floral foams, flowers, foliage, wires and ribbons will be provided. Participants also get snacks, handouts and certificates. Advance registration, at least three days before start of seminar, is required . A 10-percent discount will be given to senior citizens and those who register on or before Feb. 15. Calls 9394593, 4352479 or 0917-8321352.

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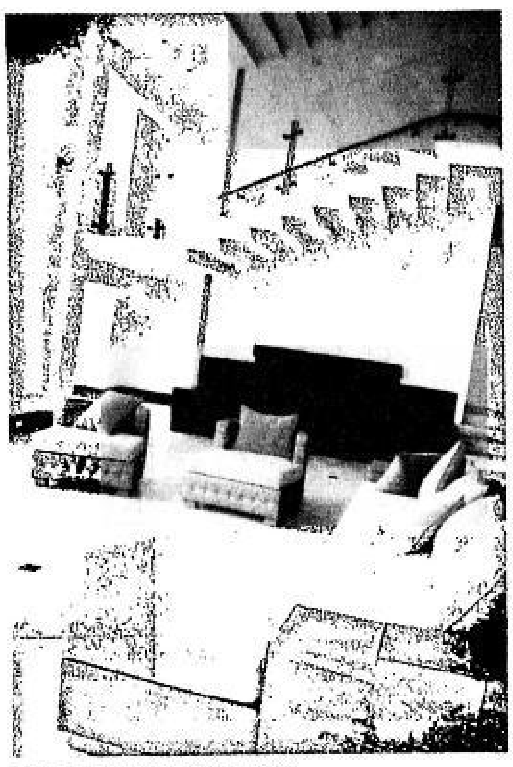


SUBIC LANDMARK
The Lighthouse Marina Resort has opened in Subic. A project of Jun Avecilla and Cyndy Tan-Jarabata, the Lighthouse is a marina resort. It features a real working lighthouse. The resort has contemporary Mediterranean and nautical designs. Inside the lighthouse is the three-tier 720° Bar. The Sands restaurant serves grilled food and international cuisine. The Lighthouse offers an introductory rate of P5,000+ until March 31. The rate includes breakfast for two, welcome drinks and fruits, choice of body and bath amenities, afternoon cocktails, and midnight hot chocolate. Call 047-2525000 or 8923534, 8927675.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Parade welcomes Chinese New Year

THE HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD (HKTB) has announced details of the 2007 Cathay Pacific International Chinese New Year Night Parade on Feb. 18, the first evening of Chinese New Year, at Tsim Sha Tsui. Theme of this year's parade is "Celebrate World Party." For the 12th staging of the event, the HKTB will add even more colorful elements to the parade. More international and interactive elements will be added, transforming the event into a multicultural street party for residents and visitors. This year, the HKTB will set up more performing zones along the parade route. Starting Feb. 1, visitors and residents can have a sneak preview of the parade. The HKTB will stage an exhibition of the event, including visuals of the float design and information on the performing groups, at IFC Mall in Central and Avenue of Stars in Tsim Sha Tsui.

New year offer

Welcome the Year of the Pig at The Bellevue Hotel (7718181). On Feb. 16-18, you can stay overnight for P4,500+ at a deluxe room. Included in the promo are buffet breakfast for two, a bottle of sparkling wine, a box of *tikoy*, free use of gym and swimming pool, welcome fruit platter, two bottles of mineral water, 10-percent discount on food and beverage for lunch and dinner, and 15-percent discount on massage services at The Bellevue Spa.

Valentine room package

Manila Pavilion Hotel offers "Swept Away Valentine Room Special." For only P4,200, share an overnight stay in a deluxe room with buffet breakfast for two and a whole day of activities. Call 5261212 for details.

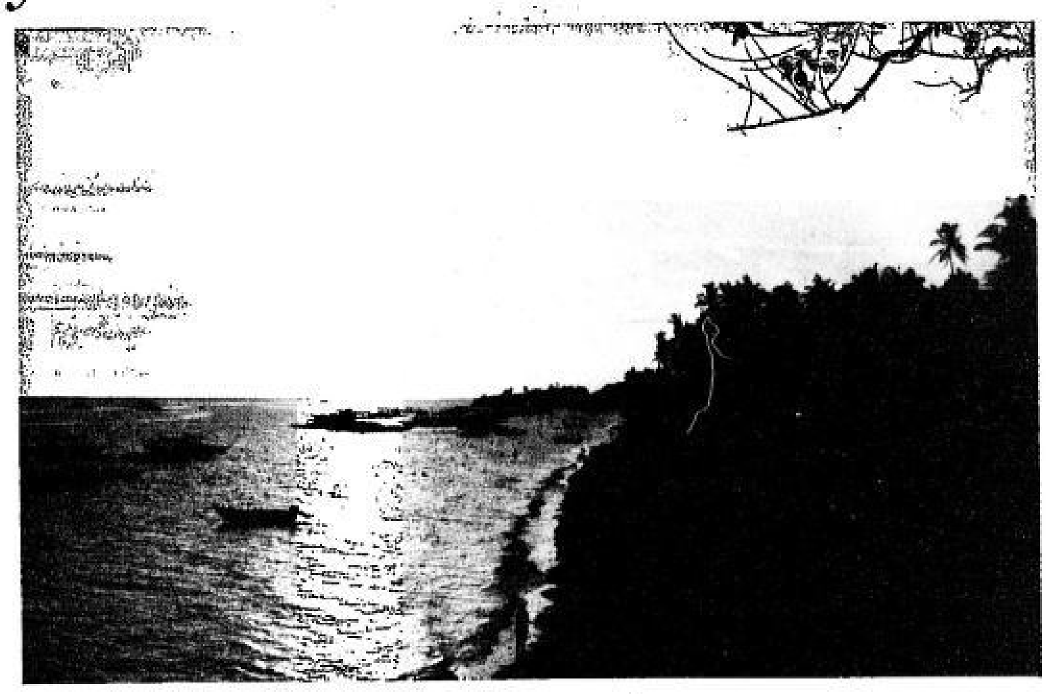
Win a trip to Singapore

The Singapore Tourism Board-Philippines (STB-P) will give away round-trip air tickets to the Lion City at the 14th TravelTour Expo Feb. 9-11 at SM Megamall Megatrade Halls 1-3.

Discount packages and flights to Singapore will also be offered at the expo organized by the Philippine Travel Agencies Association.

The STB-P (tel. 8130946 or 8134968) booth will feature the Uniquely Singapore Roulette, STB-P's Spin 'N Win Promo with various giveaways, including free round-trip tickets to Singapore.

Buy a ticket to Singapore for a chance to spin the Uniquely Singapore Roulette.



NEW BOHOL RESORT
The resort Amorita will open this April in Alona Beach, Panglao Island, Bohol. Amorita, the newest resort on the strip, offers vacation in style with its private villas with their own jacuzzi overlooking the sea. The resort also has an infinity pool. Alona Beach on Panglao Island is just 30 minutes from Tagbilaran airport by land. It is a 1½-kilometer strip of fine white sand and calm waters.

THE NATIONAL Association of Independent Travel Agencies (Naitas) held their first general membership meeting at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel recently. In photo are Naitas president Angel Ramos Bognot (center) and Travel Girl Jeanne Harn (second from left) with guests Mexican Third Secretary and Consul Miguel A. George; Superferry CEO Ava Engel, Philippine Airlines EVP Henry So, Dominican Republic Consul George Litton, and Republic of Albania Consul Seferino Benedicto.

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DAHIL SMART TAYO

Palawan's Club Noah is the perfect place for weary city couples

MY HUSBAND enjoyed Intro Scuba so much he went for a second dive the next day.

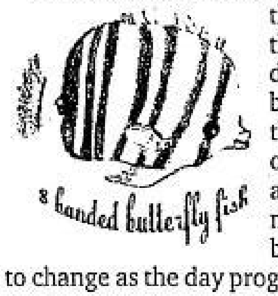
NATURAL pool in a cave on Pabellon Island

Paradise up close

Text by Steph Bravo-Semilla
Photos by Chris and Steph Semilla

AN ANGEL praying for more fish OMAR ROMERO

AS WE WALKED DOWN THE BEND from one of Club Noah's piers, my husband and I heard strains of lively music coming from the beach welcoming us to the island. I felt like a star as we walked down a line of singers and dancers dressed in bright-colored island wear (outshone only by their smiles).



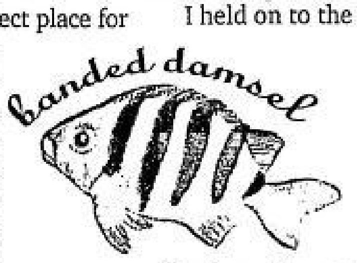
I took nearly a thousand pictures all around the beautiful resort throughout the four days that my husband and I were there (200 pictures on our first day alone) because each mountain and every beach scene seemed to change as the day progressed.

There were no bad pictures to be taken in Palawan, not with its dazzling white sand and its blue, blue sky, which turned into a beautiful shade of crimson at night. The bright reflected sunlight wove beautiful patterns on the azure waters, and you were surrounded by the vibrant colors of the trees and flowers. If I were to paint a picture of the unfolding landscape, I would simply run out of colors.

Different animals freely roamed the resort, from the elusive squirrel (yes, a Pinoy squirrel!) with its long, red, bushy tail, to the camera-shy monitor lizard and the occasional mandarin ducks, egrets, geese, swallows, mousedeer and rabbits.

It was particularly hard to take a snapshot of the cheeky squirrel. My husband spent a good part of the morning trying to get a decent picture. (One minute it was right in front of him, then it was gone as soon as he positioned himself to take a picture. It was like watching an episode of "Tom and Jerry.")

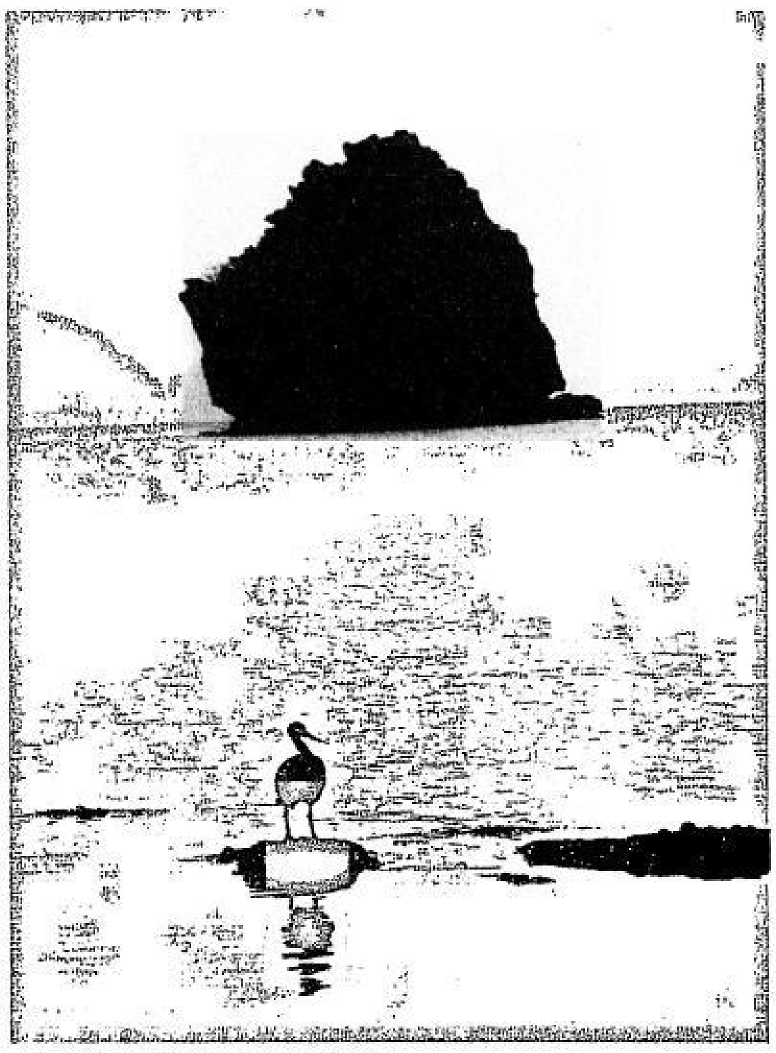
Palawan's Club Noah is the perfect place for weary urbanite couples. There is neither cable TV nor Internet access. What one gets is total isolation from the frenzy of city living—a return to simple pleasures. Your connection is with nature, and the "buzz" is swimming in a school of fish in their own natural environment.



The club offers a variety of activities to fill up your days. There are cave tours, fishing, fish feeding and island hopping. For the more adventurous, there is an assortment of watersports such as intro scuba, scuba diving, snorkeling, windsurfing and kayaking.

I'm not a very good swimmer, so I was hesitant to try Intro Scuba, but I didn't want to kick myself later either for chickening out. As a first timer, it took me some time to get used to breathing through a regulator mask. You had to kind of "suck" in the air and remember to breath slow and easy, lest you risked hyperventilating.

I held on to the divemaster's arm tightly as we descended, 5...10...15 feet. All you could hear underwater were the bubbles coming out of your regulator. Pretty soon, though, my death grip loosened as I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the underwater kingdom. It was an otherworldly experience to be surrounded by different tropical fish, which you only got to see in pictures.



AN EGRET fishing for its breakfast

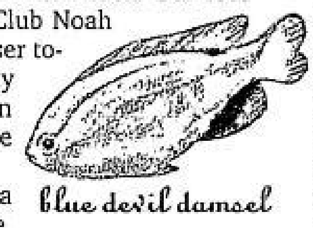
Family atmosphere

And for that perfect, worry-free vacation, the staff is always on hand to cater to your needs and desires. At night, as couples dine under the stars, they also render special performances of unique Palawan songs and dances. Before long, you get so familiar with each staff member, you start to feel like family.

On our last day, they were at the pier to sing us one last song as we boarded the banca. We couldn't stop waving goodbye.

The remarkable wildlife that inhabits Apulit Island and the diverse marine life in its surrounding waters make Club Noah a veritable Garden of Eden. Every day that my husband and I spent there created a lasting memory.

Together we were able to do many firsts, like scuba diving, snorkeling in a pool inside a cave, stargazing on a candlelit banca and savoring an ultra-romantic dinner for two in a secluded part of the beach. Our four short days at Club Noah brought us closer together than any other vacation we've had in the past.



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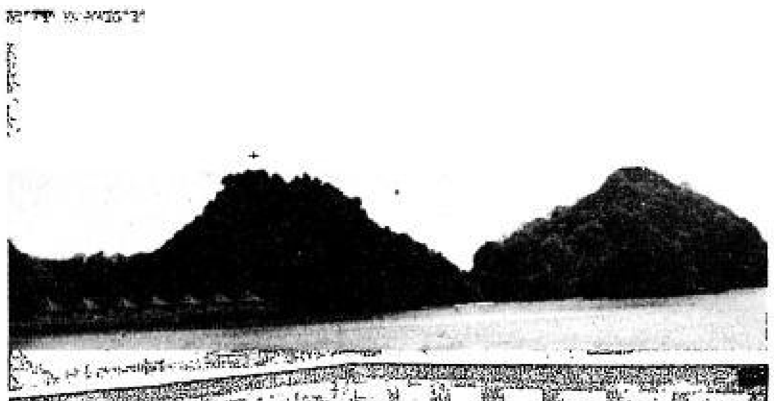
Palawan is a magical place, and its beauty is beyond the power of words to portray or of pictures to capture. I have heard people say that paradise lies in Bali or the Mediterranean. I have been to neither of those places, but I need not go so far to experience paradise for myself, as such a place exists in our very own Philippines.

Seair provides daily flights from Manila to Taytay, El Nido, Busuanga and Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Call (632)8490100.

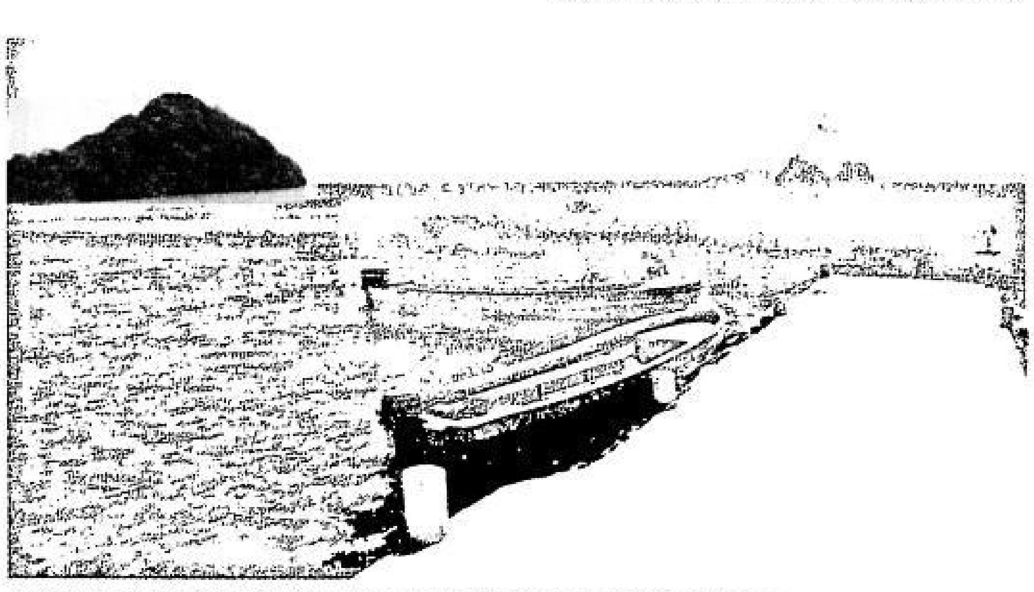
Club Noah Isabelle is on Apulit Island, Taytay, Northeastern Palawan. Call 8436068 or 8446688.

CAFÉ Isabel on the western side provides guests a breathtaking view of the Palawan sunset.

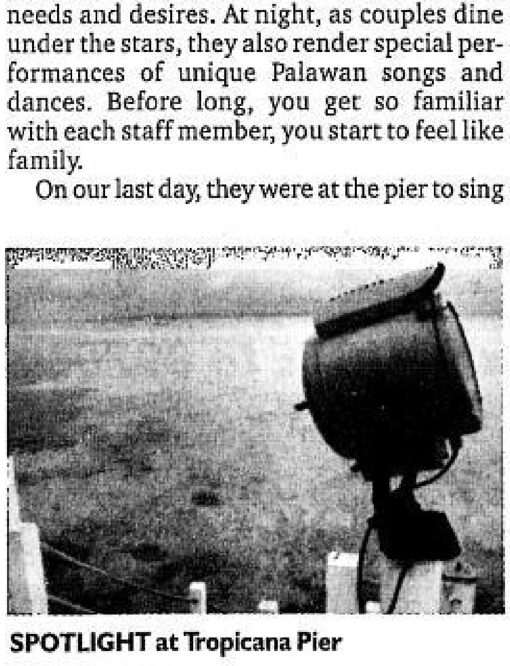
GUESTS stay in air-conditioned cabanas on stilts, with a view of Taytay Bay.



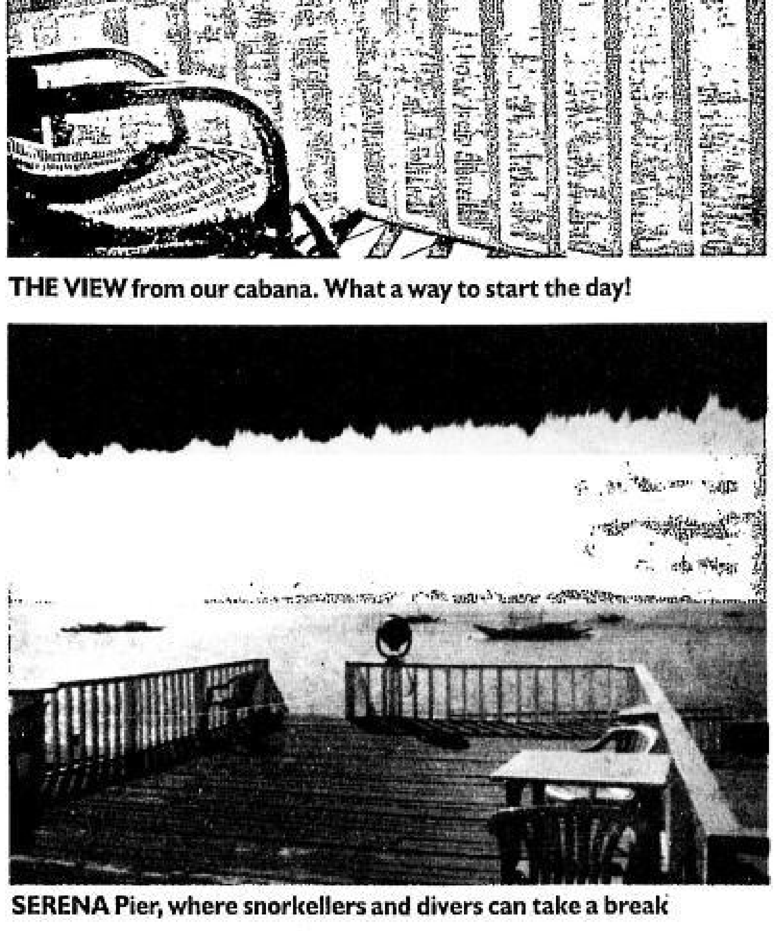
THE VIEW from our cabana. What a way to start the day!



SUNDRENCHED Serena Pier, jump-off point for snorkellers and divers



SPOTLIGHT at Tropicana Pier



SERENA Pier, where snorkellers and divers can take a break

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Geomancer talks about prospects for 2007

FENG SHUI MASTER VICtor Dy will be Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila's special guest at Xin Tian Di Chinese Restaurant on Feb. 18, the Chinese New Year.

Dy will conduct seminars at lunch and dinner to share his insights and remedies for a more auspicious 2007.

His lecture will focus on what's in store for certain businesses in 2007. He will also discuss what types of businesses will prosper.

Dy has authored a number of feng shui books that have been translated into various languages. He has held seminars in Munich, Austria and Switzerland, and has published the Chinese Almanac—a yearly feng shui planner—that is marketed in major cities in the United States.

Some of his most popular books include "Feng Shui for Everybody," "The Secrets of Chinese Esoteric Arts Revealed" and "Four Pillars of Fortune for Everybody."

VICTOR Dy

Besides his lectures, Dy is also a well-known consultant for home and site selection, the "Four Pillars of Success" analysis, natal charting, wedding date selection and how to choose your mate. Master Dy's books will be on display Feb. 10-18 at Xin Tian Di restaurant.

Call 6337222. The Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila is at the corner of Ortigas Avenue and ADB Avenue, adjacent to Robinson's Galleria Mall.

Meanwhile, the Crowne Plaza's sister hotel, Holiday Inn Galleria Manila, is rolling out the red carpet for Valentine celebrations.

From Feb. 13-16, couples can enjoy a choice of Valentine set menus, coupled with a complimentary glass of wine and a fabulous Valentine keepsake at the Holiday Inn Galleria's new FAB restaurant (formerly known as Raphael's Café). On Feb. 14, lucky couples dining at FAB will be given a chance to pick from a bowl of hearts to win a two-night stay at Holiday Inn Clark.

For those who wish to stay, dine and lounge around the next day, the Suite Passion room package is ideal at only P5,800+ per night. The package comes with dinner for two at FAB restaurant, American breakfast in your suite through room service, complimentary bottle of wine, and 15-percent off on Suriya Spa services.

And to cap off the evening for more fun and relaxation, barONE will be featuring live entertainment every night Feb. 13-17. On Feb. 14, a hilarious comedy band takes center stage with their show titled "My Funny Valentine." For those who dine at FAB, or those checked in at the hotel on Feb. 14, the cover charge will be waived upon presentation of same-day receipt or room key. Tickets to "My Funny Valentine" show are available at barONE for only P600 per person, inclusive of a chocolate dessert buffet and complimentary round of drinks.

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Year of the women

Feng shui prospects favor women in politics and business

By Alex Y. Vergara

HOW MUCH LUCKIER CAN President Macapagal-Arroyo and American Senator Hilary Rodham-Clinton get in the Year of the Pig?

If predictions of Mandarin Oriental's resident feng shui master Joseph Chau are any indication, the two accomplished politicians will continue to shine and outpace their male rivals in the weeks and months ahead.

Both women need all the luck in the world as the Philippine president faces a confidence vote in May when her senatorial bets square off with those of the opposition's, while Clinton, who wants to become the first female president in US history, competes in a crowded field of Democratic hopefuls in the November primaries.

Probably because he had learned his lesson well when his positive prognosis on the fate of then beleaguered President Joseph Estrada didn't pan out, Chau is far from specific this time. But he categorically states that women will be luckier than men in almost every aspect of public and private life.

As far as the results of the Philippine elections are concerned, Chau is likewise evasive. Although he didn't discount the chances of male politicians making it, he advises them to work harder, know their respective "luck pillars," and make proper feng shui arrangements in their homes and offices so they can defeat their female rivals.

"Women are luckier than men this year, but that is generally speaking," Chau says. "Each person is composed of elements so everyone has his or her own luck. It's also important to factor in the year, month, date and time you were born to find your luck pillar."

As if to further distance himself from his supposedly fearless forecast, Chau bases his predictions, he says, on a standard feng shui calendar that changes annually, but has "5,000 years" of Chinese tradition backing it up.

Lucky ladies

Apart from the "yin fire pig," 2007 (which, based on the Chinese lunar calendar, begins Feb. 18) dawns on the heels of three other Chinese zodiac signs: the month of the tiger, the day of the snake and the time of the goat. So, where do women come in?

All these factors, says Chau, indicate that the money or wealth star is located in the southwest, a location traditionally occupied by the yin, which, in turn, is symbolic of women—be they single, married, widowed or divorced.

JOSEPH
Chau

"That's why all the ladies in the world in 2007 will be lucky in financial situations," says Chau. And that most probably includes the business of willing and dealing called politics.

Overall, he adds, businesses related to such elements as fire and water will experience considerable gains. Fire, if we're to be literal about it, involves electronics, appliances, gas, computers, restaurants and military products.

The water element, on the other hand, is identified with hotels, tourism, transportation, shipping, insurance, entertainment, communication networks, seafood markets and wet markets.

"Since the particular day [when the pig snorts in] is an earth snake," he says, "businesses involved in metals like construction, jewelry, cars and medical equipment will also have a good year."

It will also be a banner year for such industries as garments, lumber, furniture, fashion, publication, interior design, architecture and retailing (particular for super- or hypermarkets).

"Guys should pay special attention to their careers because the northwest direction or yang (symbolic of men) harbors a conflict star," Chau cautions.

Aside from being cautious, adds Chau, guys should maintain a generally low profile this year. And here's another piece of good news for the ladies: Men should be patient with their wives or girlfriends.

As far as health is concerned, the so-called sickness star is in the center of the "magic square." Thus, Chau cautions believers to fortify their bodies against such ailments involving the respiratory, spinal and nervous systems. More people will also be prone to insomnia, digestive problems and even food poisoning.

Back-stabbing

And ladies, especially our esteemed politicians, listen up: "They should be concerned about the back-stabbing star, when people start to talk behind their backs."

How to lick such a problem? Either you feed these hypocrites to the pigs or, if you're to follow Chau's advice, put six Chinese emperor coins in the center of your home or office.

If back-stabbing is a form of disease, then it's sure to meet its match, as the six emperor coins are an ideal foil to the sickness star. (These and other lucky charms and feng shui diaries are available at the Mandarin Oriental's Yin Yang Shop of Harmony. Certain books provide general predictions on how those born in other years will fare in the Year of the Pig.)

What about calamities? The country need not brace itself for more conflagrations given that this will be the year of the fire pig. (But nor should people indulge themselves in *lechon* [roasted pig]. Whether it's the year of the pig or not, no one is immune to cholesterol!)

"Special attention should be given to the northeast (be it northeast of the world, the country, or a particular city)," says Chau. "This particular position is prone to various disasters." Based on this, there could be "fire, flooding and incidents of bird flu."

Meanwhile, Mandarin Oriental (tel. 7508888) heralds the coming year with traditional Chinese festivities Feb. 17, starting 11 p.m., involving the entire city of Makati.

Festivities will kick off with a prosperity parade around the hotel to be led by Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and Mandarin Oriental GM Helmut Gaisberger.

The evening's highlights will include a *paai-shan* ceremony by Chau, lion and dragon eye-dotting ceremonies, dragon and lion dances, and a 10-minute fireworks show. As an added feature, there will also be a parade of roasted pigs along the route.

Apart from shopping at the night market in the hotel parking area, guests can also indulge themselves in all sorts of "lucky" food at the hotel's Tin Hau restaurant.

Celebrators are also invited to dress up a piggy doll or figurine and, thus, get the chance to win a piggy bank and receive the "first lucky coin"—from Chau himself.

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Pateros'

TEN YEARS AGO, IN 1997, A group of young men and women revived the Poderes de Sta. Marta de Pateros, which has been inactive for 20 years. The inactivity was due to the fact that members were growing old and dying.

Bong Quiogue as president and his friend Lawrence Castillo as vice president, together with Christy Pangilinan and other friends, formed a new Poderes de Sta. Marta de Pateros to take care of the fiesta of the saint on July 29. *Poderes* in Spanish means "power," perhaps referring to the power Sta. Marta had over a crocodile that ate the ducks in the river.

Pateros used to be called Aguho, a small barrio of Pasig. In the 1960s Pateros began to celebrate the liturgical feast of the saint on July 29. The town fiesta is marked on the second Sunday of February when the full moon is expected to illuminate the "pagoda sa ilog."

Today Lola Crescencia Castillo takes care of putting out for the fiesta the statue of a young Sta. Marta owned by the Poderes. The organization helps Lola Ciencia as the *comite de festejos*. Since the Pateros River had dried up, there is no more *pagoda sa ilog*, instead there is a *pagoda sa daan*.

The town fiesta on the second Sunday of February, which is today, is called "*pistang pasasalamat sa tag-araw*." So Pateros has two fiestas, the second being the liturgical feast of Sta. Marta

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Going for the gold

By Marichelle Roque-Lutz
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THEY MET, THEY SHRIEKED, THEY rejoiced.

More than half of St. Theresa's College Q.C.'s graduating class of 1957 recently celebrated their golden jubilee. Now they are urging the rest of the 50th anniversarians: Go, go, go to our homecoming next year.

Cancel that appointment, that liaison. If you live abroad, fly home.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your youthful past. If you're afraid you won't recognize each other because you (or they) have gained weight and gotten wrinkled and old, don't fret.

The 45 Class '57 members who "came home" last month to their alma mater on D. Tuazon Avenue promise you'll recognize each other—if not immediately, then within five minutes.

Just like what happened to them at that moment of recognition, you will feel so good because they will recognize the youthful you, the one they said goodbye to when you graduated a lifetime ago.

"This is the best part (of coming home)—the instance of recognition," said Emmaline Tiglao McGuin, now a Canadian citizen.

The classmates got reacquainted before Homecoming Day, Jan. 27, at dance practices, song practices, dress measurement and fittings, a welcome dinner for *balikbayans*, the *balikbayans'* reciprocal picnic at Tagaytay for the "locals" and the general rehearsal at STC's school grounds.

When the big day came, they were one close-knit group of mature-looking women feeling like their 15-year-old former selves.

"No one has really changed. We're resuming where we left off 50 years ago," Isabel Villanueva, a retired schoolteacher from the school district of New York, said.

Credit for Class '57's successful celebration should go to the 20 members of the class who continued to keep in touch after graduation through yearly homecomings at STC.

For their silver jubilee, 21 attended. For their 40th anniversary, 17 came. Eleven found time to attend the 45th anniversary.

Meeting last year to begin plans for their 50th anniversary, the group decided things had to change. They had heard that the silver jubilarians, led by Korina Sanchez, were celebrating with a big bang, ending with a fireworks display. So for their part, they wanted to make sure they'd get as many of their 77 living classmates to come home and present a classy program, one echoing the music and sentiments of the '50s.

Led by Ambassador Delia Menez-Rosal, Charito Quintos-Guerzon, Myrna Bantug-Jurilla, Bernice Yang-Cua, Rosie Joson-Suntay and Ressie Dijamco-Benedicto, the group wrote letters and e-mailed classmates with known addresses. These in turn helped locate more "lost" classmates. The result: 17 *balikbayans* flew home, including one from Switzerland and another from far-off Macedonia.

Graduation day, March 21, 1957, was subdued. There was no music and no graduation march. The class was mourning the deaths in a plane crash earlier that year of classmate Jahara Cabili Pizarro's father, Sen. Tomas Cabili, and classmate Lucille Banzon Reyes' uncle, President Ramon Magsaysay.

TEN of Class '57's 12 doctors: Norma Mendoza Ona, Marivi Ora, Celia Tiangco Bart, Marylou Javier, Nenuca Apacible Bustos, Josie Cruz Pecache, Nina Mendoza Clyne, Zeny de Leon Maranan, Fing Jacinto Kenyon and Aurora Noriega

STC QC golden jubilarians Maranan, Bernice Yang Cua, Rosie Joson Suntay, Ressie Dijamco Benedicto, Noriega, Charito Quintos Guerzon, Marichelle Roque-Lutz and Vilma Meneses pose with their teachers, Mmes. Mariano, Peña and Lopez.

"We are making up for it tonight by dancing the Mexican cumbia and proving we senior citizens are still sprightly," Carmen Alcuaz Reyes said in introducing the program. Afterward, the entire class went onstage to lip-synch a medley of love songs they had taped earlier, ending with the nostalgic "Golden Days" from the '50s movie, "Student Prince."

Weeks after Homecoming Day, the group is still in a golden jubilee mode, thanks to innumerable pictures taken by dozens of cameras, a souvenir book containing then-and-now photos and writeups,and CDs and DVDs of the memorable affair.

Back in her New Jersey home, Dr. Marivi Ora e-mailed, "I look at our souvenir book every day."

As for the *balikbayans* still in Manila, the lunches and dinners, the picture-taking and the exchange of gifts continue.

TWENTY-SEVEN high-school golden jubilarians pose at St. Theresa's College QC chapel after Mass on Homecoming Day.

Mardi Gras in Makati

A GRAND CELEBRATION AWAITS party lovers at the Strip in Greenbelt 2, Ayala Center, Feb. 17. The Mardi Gras, which comes after the very successful and first-ever New Year's bash at the Strip, will be all about fun, food and dance.

Mardi Gras or Carnavale is the world-famous merry-making held annually in New Orleans in the US, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean. In the Philippines, similar festivals are the *ati-atihan* in Kalibo, Aklan, *sinulog* in Cebu City and *dinagyang* in Iloilo.

This Mardi Gras at the Strip will have an assortment of treats such as an all-night-long rendition of Latin and Spanish melodies by Latin Bands Tribo Manila and Tropicana, as well as performances by magicians, stilt-walkers and fire-eaters.

If you want a more highly energized weekend, come to the Strip starting 10 p.m. and enjoy the street party!

This event is a combined effort of Ayala Greenbelt Malls, Revermezze Restaurant and Pepato.

Call 7288896 or 8897416.

RP hosts int'l club

MATABUNGKAY BEACH RESORT AND Hotel and the Matabungkay Hash House Harriers present the Philippines Nash Hash 2007 starting Feb. 16.

This is the very first time that the international event will be hosted by Matabungkay Beach Resort and Hotel.

The Hash House Harriers is an international drinking and running club founded in 1938 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The runs were patterned after the traditional British public school "paper chase" that involves a hare pursued by a pack of harriers.

Today, there are almost 1,500 hashes found in almost all major cities in the world.

The Philippines Nash Hash 2007 features three complete hashes Feb. 16-18; a choice of short, medium, long and ball-buster trails complete with drink stops and fantastic country terrain; selection of fresh fruit served at the end of each trail; three all-you-can-eat buffet-style meals; ice-cold beer; and drinks served from noon to midnight Feb. 16-17 and Feb. 18, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Registration fee is US$60 or P3,000 (tel. 7525252, 8193080, 7516883-85. Visit website www.matabungkay.net.

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FR. ROY Rosales (seventh from right) with members of the Poderes de Sta. Marta: Fredo Magdangon, Analyn Merced with son Jonvic, Billy Francisco, Lawrence Castillo, Peter Reyes, Malou Guerra, Lester Cagalingan, Rico Magat, Cristy Pangilina, Kevin Arganda, Reynaldo Sumulong, Bong Quiogue, Rodney Almario, Victor Merced and Patrick Raymundo; at right photo, Santa Marta, patroness of Pateros and of the household

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mounted on *andas*, was brought to the room at the beginning of the program to the tune of the fandango. Devotees who carried her swayed and danced in thanksgiving and supplication.

I danced, too, and prayed for something. Nolie Hans, who brought me there, also prayed.

The Hermandad de Inmaculada Concepcion de Malibay performed the *senakulo*, a scene in the New Testament when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The tableau was sung in Tagalog.

Fr. Roy Rosales, rector of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Pasig, said it was good that the Poderes helped keep alive the tradition attached to the devotion. Those who want *estampitas* or want to join Poderes can text Bong at 0915-9922213 or Lawrence at 0915-4431350 or write him at 236 P. Rosalena St., Sta. Ana Pateros, Metro Manila. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Text Mary

Thousands text their petitions through the Text Mary Community. Many express gratitude to Jesus and Mary for abundant graces received and for answered prayers.

Part of the proceeds from Text Mary goes to the construction and maintenance of The Way of Mary, a network of 20 shrines, each representing a mystery of the Rosary, from the Edsa Shrine to the Basilica of Our Lady in Antipolo.

A legacy of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin, the series of 12-foot-tall granite shrines is expected to be completed next month.

To join Text Mary, simply text MARY and send to 2600.

Pila shrine

Cora Relova says a community in her hometown Pila, Laguna, has made the church beautiful by concerted effort. A group of women, including Cora herself, meets once a week to clean the St. Anthony de Padua Shrine.

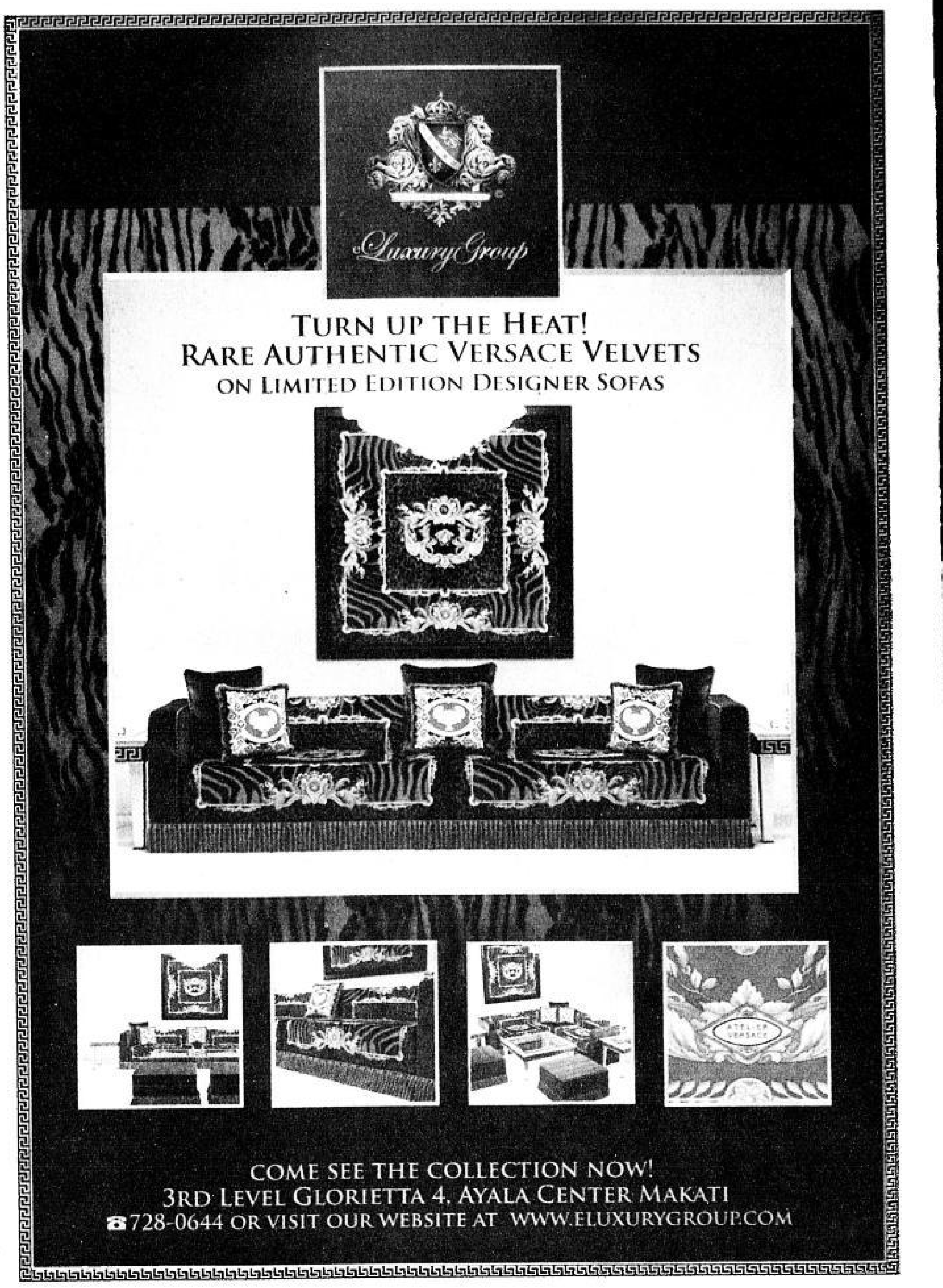
Brother Pete, teasingly called Brad Pitt, faithfully cares for the heart-shaped garden in front of the giant Sacred Heart statue in the middle of the town plaza.

Donated by Cora's great grandmother Concepcion Diaz Relova in 1922, the Sacred Heart draws people day and night.

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Anthony de Padua has a new parish priest. Msgr. Mario Castillo replaced Msgr. Melchor Barcenas, now rector of the San Pablo Cathedral and vicar general of the Diocese of San Pablo. Pilgrims visit the shrine, especially on the first Tuesday of the month.

Mass

A special Mass will be celebrated Feb. 12, 3 p.m., at the Sta. Marta Chapel in Harrison Plaza. Mall owners Tony and Belen Martel are devotees of Our Lady of Lourdes.



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IL DIVO takes center stage at the PICC Plenary Hall, delighting the Manila audience with their unique blend of classical pop

It seemed as if they had been singing together since birth. But this isn't true for Carlos Marín from Spain, Swiss Urs Bühler, American David Miller, and French pop singer Sébastien Izambard - the dashing quartet that composes Il Divo.

Despite the difference in nationality and culture, the four tenors sang as one, enthralling Manila's elite when Smart Infinity brought Il Divo to town in a one-night only performance at the PICC Plenary Hall dubbed "Il Divo: Live in Manila."

"Smart Infinity is honored to present this unique world-class act to Manila," said Danilo Mojica, Head of Smart Wireless Consumer Division. "Our brand aims to give subscribers nothing but the best in premium service and the spectacular performance by Il Divo truly matches the zeal for excellence that Smart Infinity represents."

From the moment Il Divo launched into the opening notes of "Regresa a Mi" to the final strains of their pop opera version of the Frank Sinatra classic, "My Way," the crowd was smitten.

"Judging from their thrilling performance and the warm audience response, you can say that Il Divo has won Manila over," added Mojica.

Il Divo has been enjoying enormous success worldwide since the release of their debut album in 2004. The Manila performance is one of the key Asian stops in their ongoing World Tour.

The gala event was graced by no less than President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who stayed for the entire show. Also present were Vice President Noli de Castro with his wife Arlene, US Ambassador Kristie Kenney, and UK Ambassador Peter Beckingham with his wife Jill. Top executives from Smart Communications, Inc. (SMART) came in full force, led by President and CEO Napoleon Nazareno, Chief Operations Adviser Don Rae and PLDT's Butch Jimenez.

Spotted enjoying the evening were former Sun Life Financial President Lorenzo Tan, former Sun Life Chairperson Ester Tan, Makati Shangri-La General Manager Greg Dogan, McDonalds' George Yang, Rado's Ray and Lilia Jacinto, MTV's Francis Lumen with daughter Savannah, SGV's Washington SyCip and mall magnate Henry Sy.

The show also attracted a slew of celebrities, including television executive Charo Santos, winsome pair Richard and Lucy Torres-Gomez, young star Anne Curtis, TV news couple Julius and Tin-Tin Babao, actress Carmi Martin, and top news anchor Mel Tiangco.

Smart Infinity subscribers were rewarded with premium seats to the exclusive show, which was capped with an encore performance of the Harry Nilsson standard, "Without You," and the Barbra Streisand original, "Somewhere," the same piece they performed when she handpicked them to open her recent concert tour in the US. As Streisand herself said: "They're cute and have beautiful voices. What more can you ask for?"

"To end the memorable evening, the show's finale received a standing ovation and a serenade of rose petals. Cheers to Il Divo and Smart Infinity," said Julie Carceller, Department Head of Infinity Business Group.

Il Divo Live in Manila was truly a first-rate event from Smart Infinity, once more showcasing passion for the best in life.

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President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

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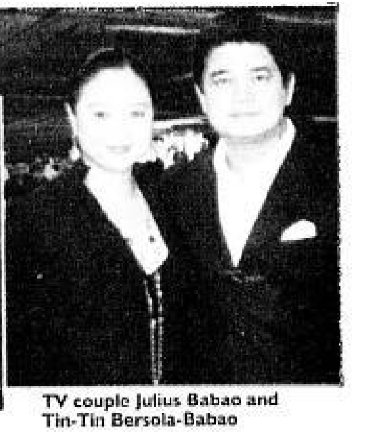

TV couple Julius Babao and Tin-Tin Bersola-Babao

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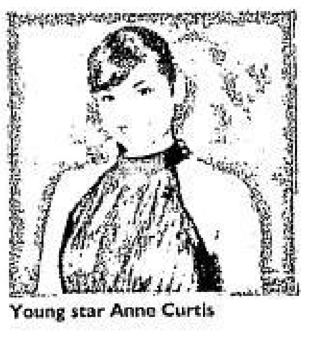

Young star Anne Curtis

Actress and interior designer Carmi Martin

Showbiz couple Richard Gomez and Lucy Torres-Gomez

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Milestones

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TORRES-LUPIBA

Aaron Torres, son of engineer **Avelino** and **Rufina Torres**, married **Jassleen Lupiba**, daughter of **Rogelio** and **Rosalinda Lupiba**, on Dec. 15 at the Iglesia ni Cristo Sta. Barbara Locale, Baliuag, Bulacan. Reception was held at the Grand Ballroom of 8 Waves Hotel and Water Park in San Rafael, Bulacan.

BARRANDA-ANDRES

Paco Barranda and **Portia Andres** exchanged vows on Nov. 25 in a Japanese-inspired wedding at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Guadalupe.

ROXAS-PONCE

Carlos Luis Stelton Roxas and **Jan Abigail Ladores Ponce** were wed recently at the Parish of St. James the Great in Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa. Msgr. **Gerardo O. Santos** officiated. Reception was held at the Grand Ballroom of The Palms Country Club.

EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

Glitch in cyber romance

DEAR EMILY,

My problem is about a guy I met on the Internet almost a year ago.

Contrary to some Internet relationships, ours is getting stronger everyday. He is in the United States and he makes it a point to call me three times a week. I opened my heart to him, telling him of my longings, my fears. And he did the same.

I admire his intelligence, he admired my gentleness and my courage that let me get over a tragedy that happened last year. We bonded and he wants to come and visit me here in the Philippines this year. He already made plans and this is my problem.

I told him only half of my life story. I lied for fear of losing him. He thinks I am single. I did not tell him I'd been separated for 17 years and had four kids.

What shall I do? I love him and I know he loves me, too. I tried to tell him in a subtle way to take his time and not to rush here. I am afraid to face him and tell him the truth. He was disappointed because he wanted to be with me.

Every day I am assailed by guilt feelings for leading him on. He is so honest about his life. He introduced me to his friends and let me talk to them over the phone. I know that if we meet I will surely love him more.

I don't know how he will accept the life I tried to hide from him. I have my own reasons for lying to him. It has something to do with the tragedy that happened last year.

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Breathe deeply and ask yourself why in heaven's name you should be afraid to tell him the truth if he's really as fantastic as you say he is. And what was your tragedy last year that affected your truth gene?

With all the "baring" you two were doing between yourselves, why couldn't you have dumped some more bold essentials he needed to know about you, instead of cowering now in your boots and trying to hide who you truly are—a separated woman with four children.

Learn from high school geometry the concept that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Only then could you truly rhapsodize about his goodness if he still accepted you despite the heavy luggage you were bringing into this relationship.

It's never too late though. You can still send a tsunami of a message with this earthshaking truth. Cross your fingers that he'd accept you with open arms after you've bared your soul with no recriminations, ever.

Then, sing your hallelujahs. I'll even help you have him canonized. But not before knowing his true persona after making him hear the truth.

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to INQUIRER. Listen to Ms. Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

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Weddings & Debuts Bridal Fair, organized by The Wedding Library and held every second or third weekend of February, is now on its third year.

Every P2,000 worth of payments at the bridal fair will entitle couples to one raffle coupon. After making a booking with any exhibitor, couples or their representatives must present the document at the Organizer's Booth to get their raffle coupons. Entries submitted on Feb. 16 will be eligible for both the Friday Extravaganza Draw and the Grand Raffle Draw.

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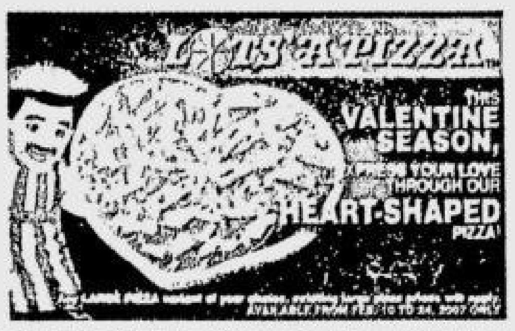
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'Narnia' Faun all grown up, is married & has sexy roles

JAMES MCAVOY

...and he wants to 'kill' his 'Scotland' co-star Forest Whitaker, who has 'robbed' him of awards

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Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—"I WANTED TO KILL him," James McAvoy jokingly said of Forest Whitaker, his co-star in "The Last King of Scotland," who has been sweeping the best actor races.

James, who we felt was also excellent in that film, has been left out in the acting nominations. "I felt like he (Forest) had robbed me," quipped the actor with a winning smile in a recent press conference.

The grin was not the only thing appealing about this actor, best known as Mr. Tumnus, the Faun in Disney's blockbuster, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe." His feelings were transparent on his face. This is also what makes him one of the best emerging actors—his expressive face easily invites a moviegoer's empathy or at the very least, interest in his characters.

James' spontaneity on and off the camera is a plus, too. In his new movie "Starter for Ten," where he plays a working-class kid who makes it to an upper-class British university and to a TV quiz show, his natural charm shines through. Out on a date in an Italian restaurant with a blonde school mate (Alice Eve), James picks up a breadstick, pretends to smoke it like a cigarette and disarms her. After the date, he breaks into a dance in front of her dorm—Chaplin-esque, totally charming.

The Tom Hanks-produced romantic comedy, in chronicling a lad who leaves his hometown for college and a gig on "University Challenge," UK's answer to "Jeopardy," becomes an entertaining commentary on loyalty, class, discerning love (James' character is attracted to two coeds, Alice and the engaging Rebecca Hall) and the dilemma: knowledge for knowledge's sake or for wisdom? Set in the 1980s, "Starter..." is spiced up with music from The Cure, The Smiths, Tears For Fears and others.

This lead role in "Starter" and other upcoming films are sure to make him known beyond his wholesome hairy-legged, half-goat "Narnia" character. James' role as dictator Idi Amin's doctor in "Last King," which entailed a graphic sex scene with Kerry Washington, has earned him wider recognition. He earned a Best Supporting Actor nod in the BAFTA Awards to be handed out today in London, which he calls home.

The Scotland native briefly described his new films, where he landed some of the most challenging roles: "I play an alcoholic gambling addict who falls in love with the lead character played by Christina Ricci (with a pig's nose) in 'Penelope.' In 'Becoming Jane,' I play a real-life figure who had a relationship with Jane Austen. The film is a hypothesis on what would have happened if Austen actually found love—would we have lost one of the greatest writers the last few hundred years? 'Atonement' is a film adaptation of Ian McEwan's amazing novel about a relationship that goes tragically wrong because of one lie."

Sporting a shiny wedding band (he got married last November), James, 28, talked in his natural Scottish brogue.

JAMES McAvoy stars with Rebecca Hall in the romantic comedy set in the 1980s, "Starter for Ten."

You made six films in the last two years. How did you find time to get married? And tell us about the lucky woman.

I'm the lucky one. We made time in November last year. She works a lot as an actress as well. Her name is Anne-Marie Duff. We met on a TV show called "Shameless." We played lovers and became lovers. It's been pretty much happy ever since.

Do you get a different reaction now from fans since you played Mr. Tumnus, the Faun in "Narnia"?

There's been a big departure from that role. I'm getting a lot more romantic lead roles. Hopefully, I'll be allowed to make that change and that transition and people won't be too disappointed that I'm not playing a pointy-eared Faun.

With you playing more romantic lead roles, you are presumably getting attention from female fans.

I try not to think of it. I'm sure this has happened to lots of actors.

Reviews for your performance in "The Last King of Scotland" were as good as Forest

NARNIA/ G4

Mary J. Blige favored to shine at Grammys

LOS ANGELES—HIP-HOP DIVA Mary J. Blige is expected to dominate when pop music's most prestigious awards show, the Grammys, takes place here today (tomorrow in Manila).

The 38-year-old rhythm-and-blues star is up for prizes in eight categories, including both Record and Song of the Year, where "Be Without You" is up against entries from James Blunt, Gnarls Barkley, The Dixie Chicks and Corinne Bailey Rae.

Blige's platinum-selling "The Breakthrough" is also expected to snag the Best R&B Album Award. The album has sold more than 2.7 million copies in the US alone since its late 2005 release.

Roll call

She will perform at the glittering gala, along with other stars including Christina Aguilera, Beyonce, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Justin Timberlake and Carrie Underwood.

British singer James Blunt and country trio the Dixie Chicks are vying for five awards each and have also been nominated in the record and Song of the Year categories.

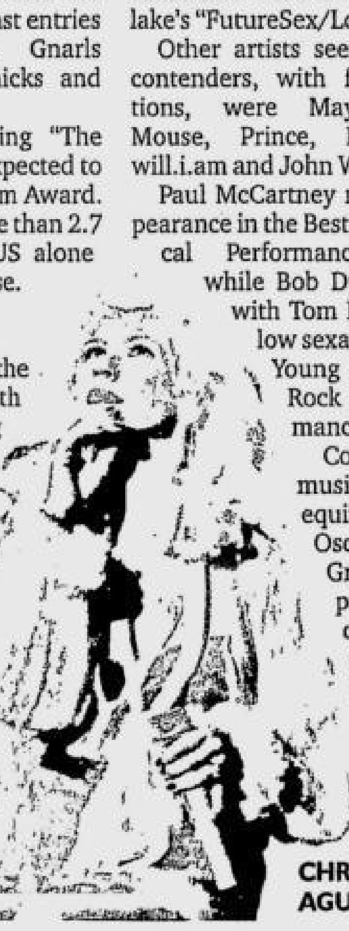
Blunt is nominated for "You're Beautiful"; the Dixie Chicks for "Not Ready To Make Nice."

The Dixie Chicks are also up for Album of the Year, where their "Taking the Long Way" is competing against Gnarls Barkley's debut "St. Elsewhere," US blues rocker John Mayer's "Continuum," the Chili Peppers' "Stadium Arcadium" and Justin Timberlake's "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

Other artists seen as leading contenders, with five nominations, were Mayer, Danger Mouse, Prince, Rick Rubin, will.i.am and John Williams.

Paul McCartney makes an appearance in the Best Male Pop Bocal Performance category, while Bob Dylan is vying with Tom Petty and fellow sexagenarian Neil Young for Best Solo Rock Vocal Performance.

Considered the music world's equivalent to the Oscars, the Grammys offer prizes in 108 categories covering over 20 genres, including pop, rock, gospel and rap. *AFP*



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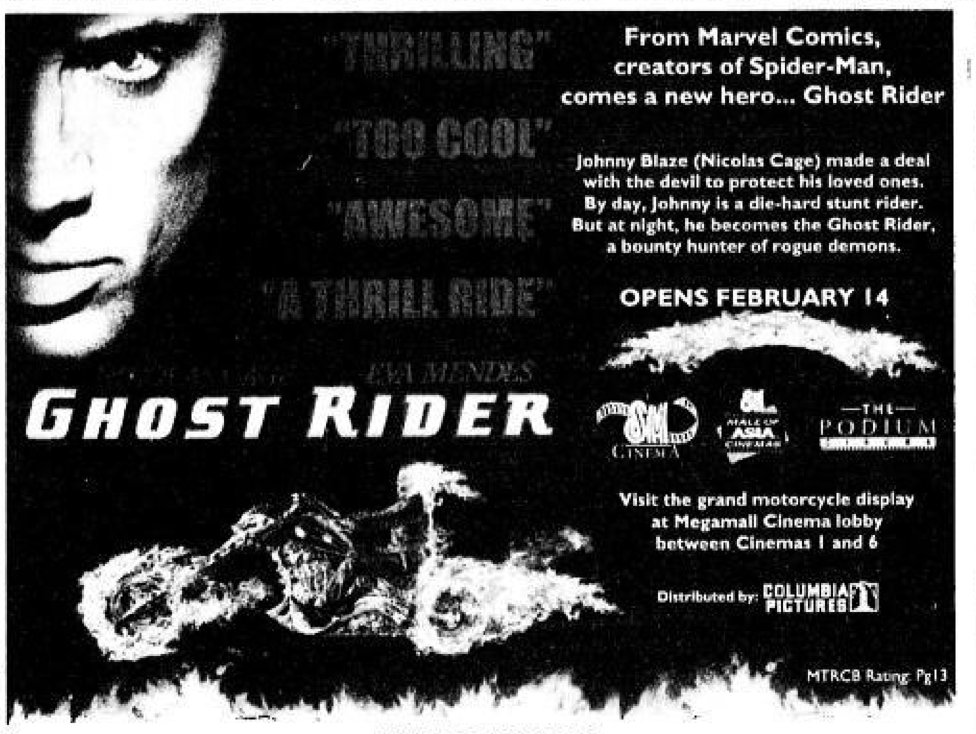

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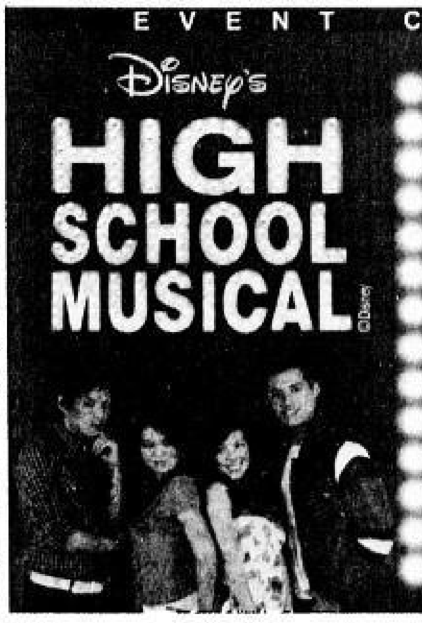

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'The Police Rehearsals' for fans

CHEER FACTOR

LOS ANGELES—THE POLICE, WHO are reuniting to perform at the Grammy Awards on Sunday, will celebrate their 30th anniversary at the Whisky A Go Go the following day.

To enter the drawing for a spot at "The Police Rehearsals," fans must be "legacy members" of Sting's official website, Sting.com, the 55-year-old singer announced in a posting Wednesday. Twenty lucky winners will be notified Friday.

"After the event, we would like the winners to each submit to us 250 words that describe their experience of the day—we can say with some certainty that none of you will be lost for words!" the announcement said.

Sting fanned speculation of a Police reunion and tour when he told the Television Critics Association last month that he and former band mates Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers were "talking about" doing something to commemorate their anniversary.

The Police, whose hits include "Roxanne" and "Every Breath You Take," will open the Grammys, which will air live on CBS-TV from the Staples Center on Sunday night.

The band broke up in 1984 amid internal conflict. They last performed together in 2003, when they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. *AP*

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Brutal Web reaction to Anna Nicole's death

RUSHES

SAN FRANCISCO—MINUTES AFTER WORD of the death of stripper-turned-celebrity Anna Nicole Smith, the blogosphere began the autopsy of a life lived in the headlines, and the verdict wasn't at all pretty.

From different corners of the Internet, commentators who once considered Smith worthy only of off-color jokes purported to seek out the deeper cultural meanings of her death. Most came up brutally short.

Instead many observers reveled in jokes about the size of the former Playboy model's breasts or the extent of her drug problems.

Blog search site Technorati.com showed mentions of Anna Nicole Smith spiked fivefold on Thursday. Still, at little over 44,000 mentions, Smith measures only one-tenth the blog star power of pop music sensation Britney Spears.

The occasion gave free rein to the pseudonymous savagery which passes for informed commentary on the Web. "Anna Nicole Smith's condition downgraded to dead," one writer on news commentary site Fark.com coldly noted.

Fark commentator "LikelyCulprit" posted a photo of a beached whale entitled "Preliminary autopsy photo." TMZ.com bemoaned how Smith's last movie, "Illegal Aliens," set to be released in April, may now be in doubt.

AOL was quick to provide a trailer of the film.

Reuters

What she owes

Local show biz went to town when Pia Guanio and Vic Sotto admitted they were an item.

In this month's issue of Marie Claire magazine, Pia says there was no intention of keeping it a secret, anyway.

"[We] would be dining out, going to movies in full view of everyone." Pia says. "I owe people an explanation when it comes to my career, but not my personal life."

Still not buried

COLUMBIA, South Carolina—James Brown's partner, his six adult children and trustees of his estate were scheduled to meet Friday in a courtroom to resolve disputes over his estate as the soul legend's remains still await burial.

Brown's partner, Tomi Rae Hynie, and his children are upset with the three longtime associates he named as trustees. Attorneys also will argue whether Hynie, who claims she is Brown's fourth wife, can get access to Brown's Beech Island home.

The singer's embalmed body remains in the same sealed, gold casket seen at his funeral.

Brown died of heart failure on Dec. 25 at age 73.

AP

Scary love scenes

HONG KONG—Jet Li is comfortable in a kung fu brawl, but ask him to do a love scene and the action star says he breaks out in a cold sweat.

Li described his anxiety about romantic acting in his latest Web blog musings about his new movie "Ci Ma."

The 43-year-old wrote: "When I read the script and came upon the lines, 'They could no longer hold back their true feelings, they embraced passionately, fervently kissing, stroking and removing clothes,' I started sweating profusely because I had no idea how to do this."

He also recalled a difficult love scene when shooting the "Swordsman II." Li said director Tsui Hark asked him, "Why do you give me the impression that you're getting raped?"

AP

No wedding, no divorce

NEW YORK—Jim Carrey says he and his girlfriend, actress Jenny McCarthy, are not planning to get married.

"We're never getting married, but we're never getting divorced, which is fantastic," the 45-year-old actor says on Tuesday's edition of "Access Hollywood."

Will he get her a ring at least? "I bought her a Chloe purse," he jokes. "Isn't that good enough?"

Carrey and McCarthy, 34, went public with their romance last year. She is a former Playboy playmate.

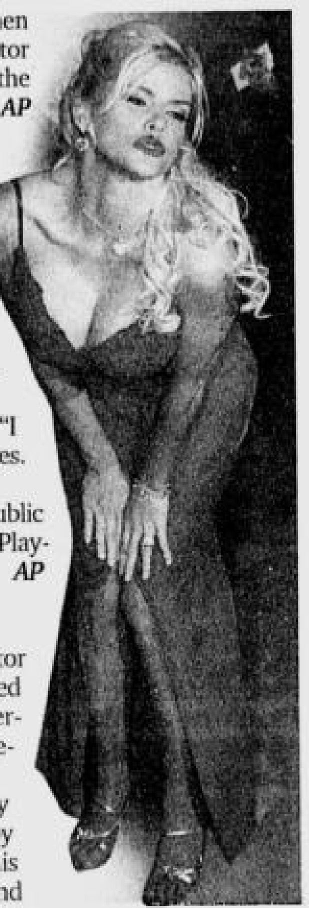
AP

No to cheerleaders

SYDNEY—Oscar-winning Hollywood actor and phone-thrower Russell Crowe has revealed a sensitive side, axing scantily-dressed cheerleaders from his Sydney rugby league club because they make men uncomfortable.

Crowe, who co-owns the South Sydney Rabbitohs, one of Australia's oldest rugby league clubs, will replace the cheer girls this season with a drumming band of men and women after his wife Danielle Spencer and other fans complained.

Reuters



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ITEM 18 - LOT W/ MINOR IMPROVEMENT
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True love in Hollywood splitsville

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

MOST SHOW BIZ MARRIAGES START at the altar, but end up in divorce courts. Just ask **Jennifer Aniston** and **Brad Pitt**, **Britney Spears** and **Kevin Federline.**

Blame it on the stresses, pressures, distractions and temptations of a glamorous life lived in the public eye. All that stellar fame and fortune attract a lot of marriage-wreckers!

In addition, quite a lot of stars think they're so beautiful and talented and yummy that they actually fall in love—with themselves! If you're so perfect just by your lonesome, what do you need a spouse for?

Another major distraction is provided by other stars who are as yummy as the stellar self-adorer. If you do a love scene with them, it's so easy to get carried away and believe that it's the real thing!

Despite all of these temptations, the amazing miracle is, some Hollywood marriages last for years and years. "Blame" it on the durable couples' refusal to take the romantic fantasy of the show biz scene seriously, and their determination to separate their private lives from their public personas.

Take **Paul Newman** and **Joanne Woodward.** Newman was a Golden Boy in his youth, and co-starred with some of the most alluring goddesses of the silver screen, including **Elizabeth Taylor, Pier Angeli, Virginia Mayo, Jo Van Fleet, Piper Laurie, Patricia Neal** and **Katharine Ross**—but he and Woodward have grown comfortably old together.

Meryl Streep is also famous for completely separating her personal life from her screen career. This has enabled her to raise a brood of healthy, normal children away from the public eye, even as she's become one of the entertainment world's most celebrated actresses.

For her part, patrician beauty **Grace Kelly** had her share of affairs with her leading men.

But, when she married **Prince Rainier** of Monaco, she decided to give up all romantic distractions, and focused on being the best princess ever, dutifully loving her royal husband and children, until her death in a car crash in 1982.

Given a fairytale role most women coveted, Kelly played it to the hilt—and to pluperfection.

Dubbed the happiest star in Hollywood, **Jack Lemmon** married actress **Felicia Farr** in 1960—and remained married to her until the conclusion of their version of "forever."

When she was still a scruffy teenager, **Sophia Loren** worked as an extra in a film produced by **Carlo Ponti.** He took one good, long look at her, and promptly launched her career as a film star. Even more definitively, he married her.

Sophie sexed it up with the most macho movie hunks on the big screen, but she remained Ponti's devoted wife.

For many years, she struggled to conceive, before finally giving birth to two sons. On the other hand, her marriage to Ponti, 22 years her senior, was condemned by the Vatican, and his Mexican divorce from his first wife was not recognized, so Loren's private life has been decidedly bittersweet.

Like his bosom buddy Paul Newman, **Robert Redford** has been a one-woman man. After moving to Los Angeles early in his career, Redford fell in love with a 17-year-old neighbor, **Lola,** and married her—for keeps.

In an industry where rocky liaisons abound, the Redfords appear to have one of Hollywood's most stable marriages, which Redford attributes to the years they spent together before they became famous.

Tribute to movie greats

THE MOVIE Workers Welfare Foundation pays tribute to Filipino movie greats on Feb. 23 at the Aliw Theater. Honorees include National Artist **Jose Nepomuceno,** National Artist **Atang dela Rama, Rogelio de la Rosa and Carmen Rosales** and **Rosa del Rosario, Dolphy** and **former President Joseph Estrada.**

Movie stalwarts will also pay homage to the memory of National Artist Fernando Poe Jr.

Presenters and participants include **Vilma Santos, Sunshine Cruz, Cesar Montano, Sen. Bong Revilla, Jericho Rosales, Heart Evangelista, Phillip Salvador** and **Toni Gonzaga.** The tribute is a fundraiser for the cash-strapped Mowelfund. If you want to help the movie welfare organization, call 727-1961.

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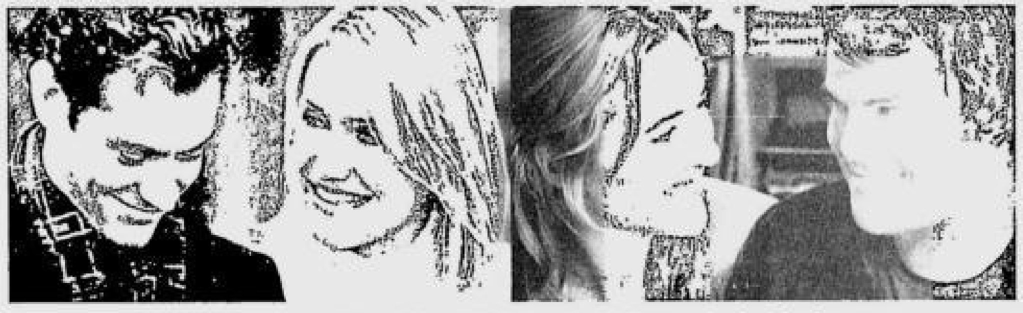

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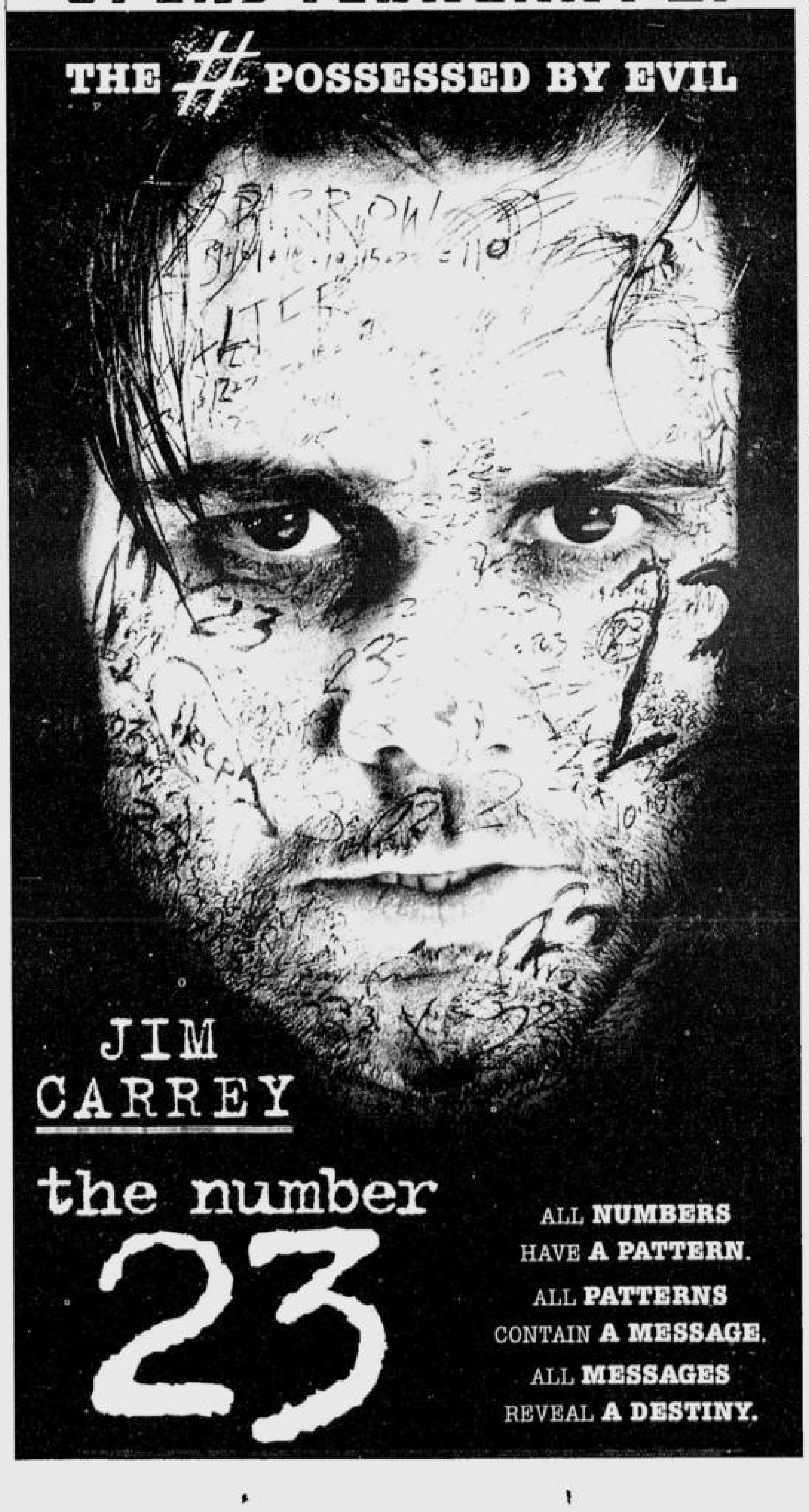
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'Narnia' Faun …

From page G1

Whitaker's yet he is the one getting all the awards.

I wanted to kill him (laughter). I felt like he had robbed me (laughter). I'm in every scene and it's a fantastic part, but the role that really is going to capture the people's imagination is Idi Amin's.

Daniel Radcliffe is performing in the nude in the play "Equus." Would you also consider appearing nude onstage?

I've done it a few times and I would do it again. In the play I did at the Donmar Warehouse, "Privates on Parade," I had to get my privates on parade (laughter).

Could you give us your definition of the word "wanker," which is heard in this film?

I think a wanker is someone who's a little bit in love with himself. If you don't really want to cut someone to the core, then wanker is a good term because it's negative but not desperately hurtful.

As in the movie, did your friends resent it when you left Glasgow to become an actor?

My pals thought I was a wanker for going off and being an actor.

When you are with friends, do you try to downplay your success as an actor?

I try to be humble as much as I can. I get paid to show off so when I am not working, I shouldn't.

One of the awkward moments of your character is when he calls this girl by the wrong name. Have you made that mistake too?

I once called a girlfriend James in bed which was a little bit strange.

You called her James?

Yeah, and then I called her Stephen.

Did you know people with those names? Where did the names come from?

James is my name. I don't know where Stephen came from. I was quite drunk.

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.

ROUNDUP

'Portrait' docu

"Portrait: Rediscovering A Filipino Film Classic," a documentary on the making of the movie version of Nick Joaquin's "A Portrait of the Artist as Filipino," will be shown on Feb. 14, 1 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Dream Theater (Tanghalang Manuel Conde).

The documentary is part of the 19th Gawad CCP for Alternative Film and Video Festival, which runs from Feb. 13 to 16. Admission is free.

Butch Nolasco, recent CMMA winner for "Edsa 1986: Mga Tinig ng Himagsikan," directed the 20-minute docu, a historical and behind-the-scenes look at the production of the 1965 movie helmed by director Lamberto Avellana and produced by Manuel de Leon.

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Greyskull tilt

Nokia's "Make It Reel" campaign will draw two winners of P100,000, who will also have the chance to sing along to Greyskull, a three-piece Texas Punk-Rock band from Dallas, for the Indie Music Festival in Singapore.

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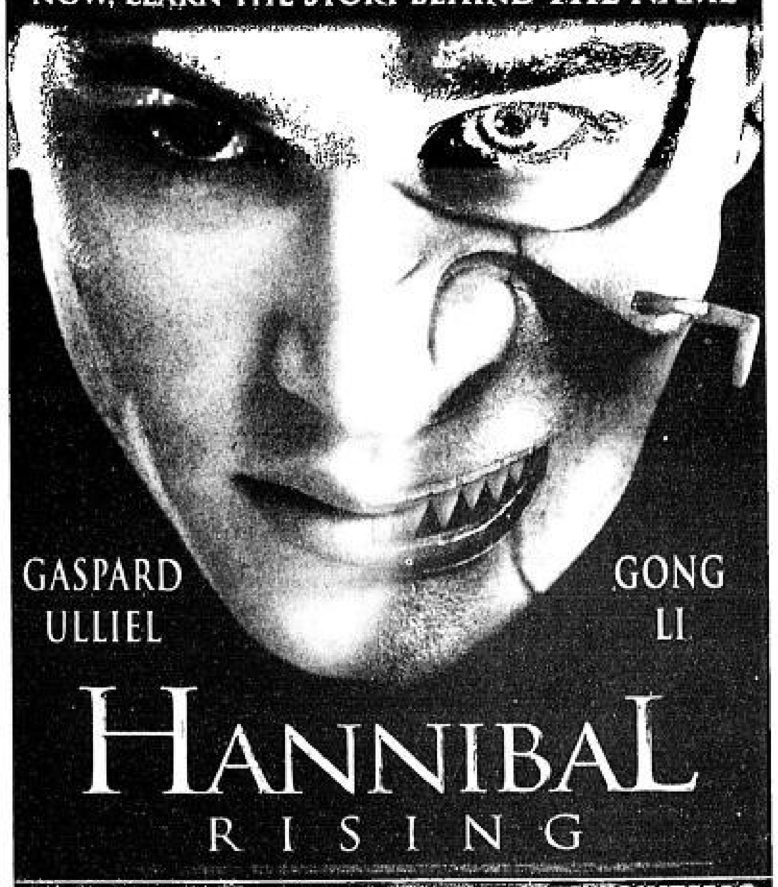

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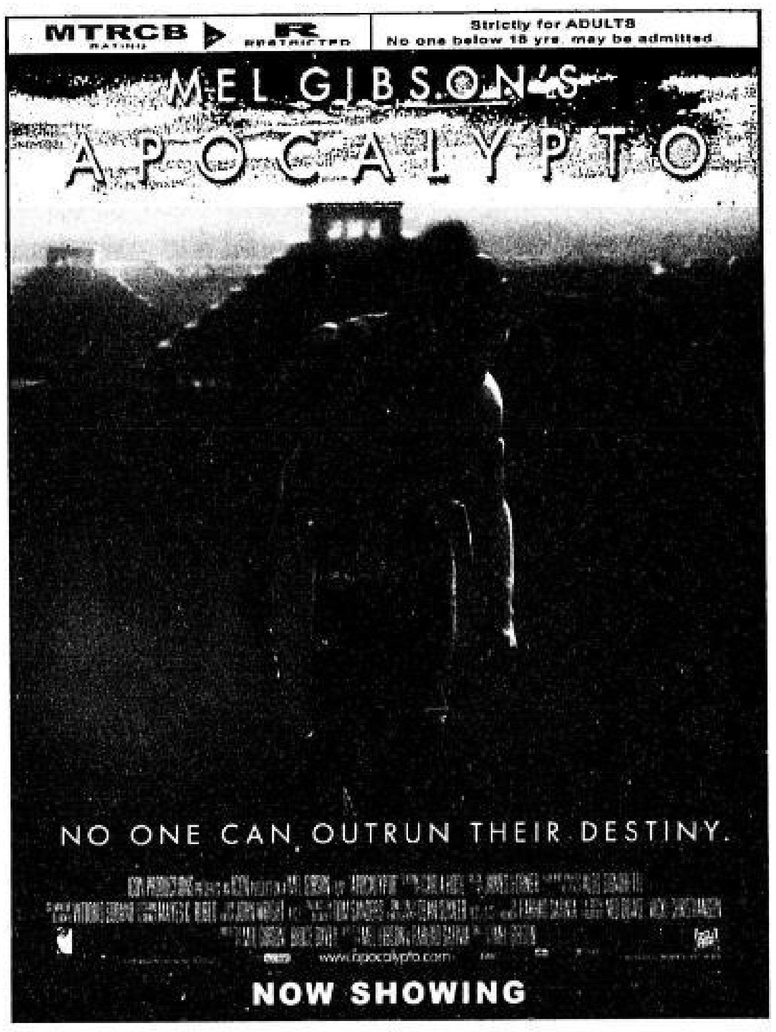

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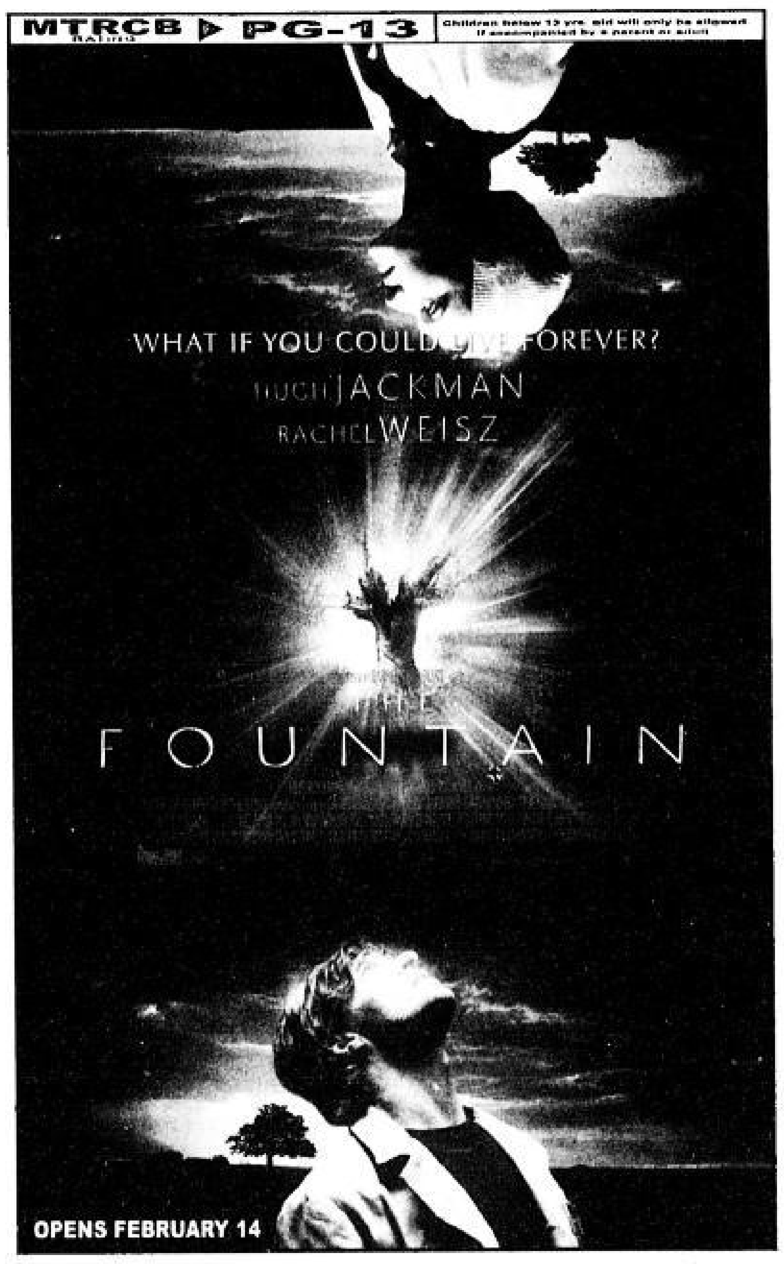

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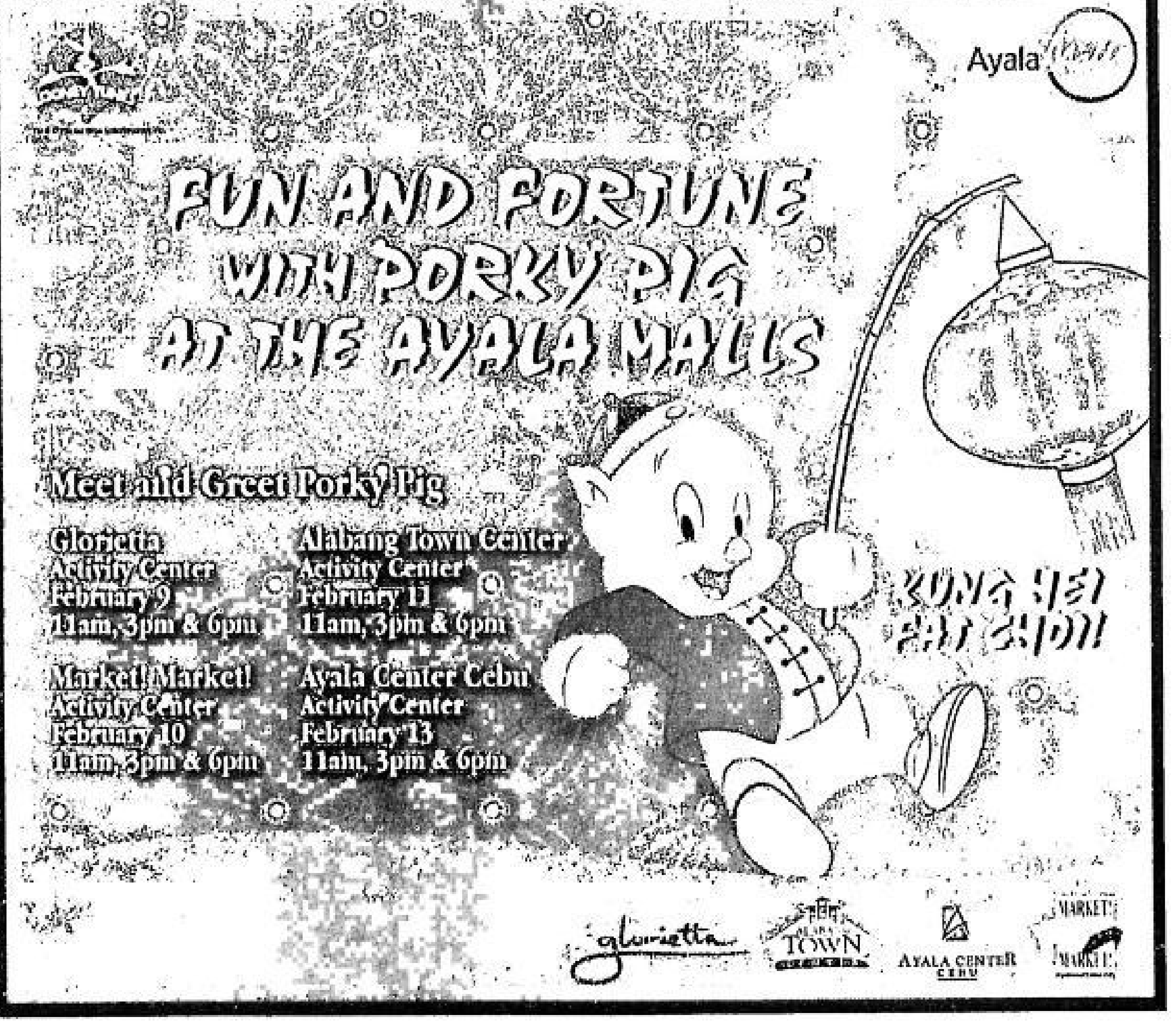

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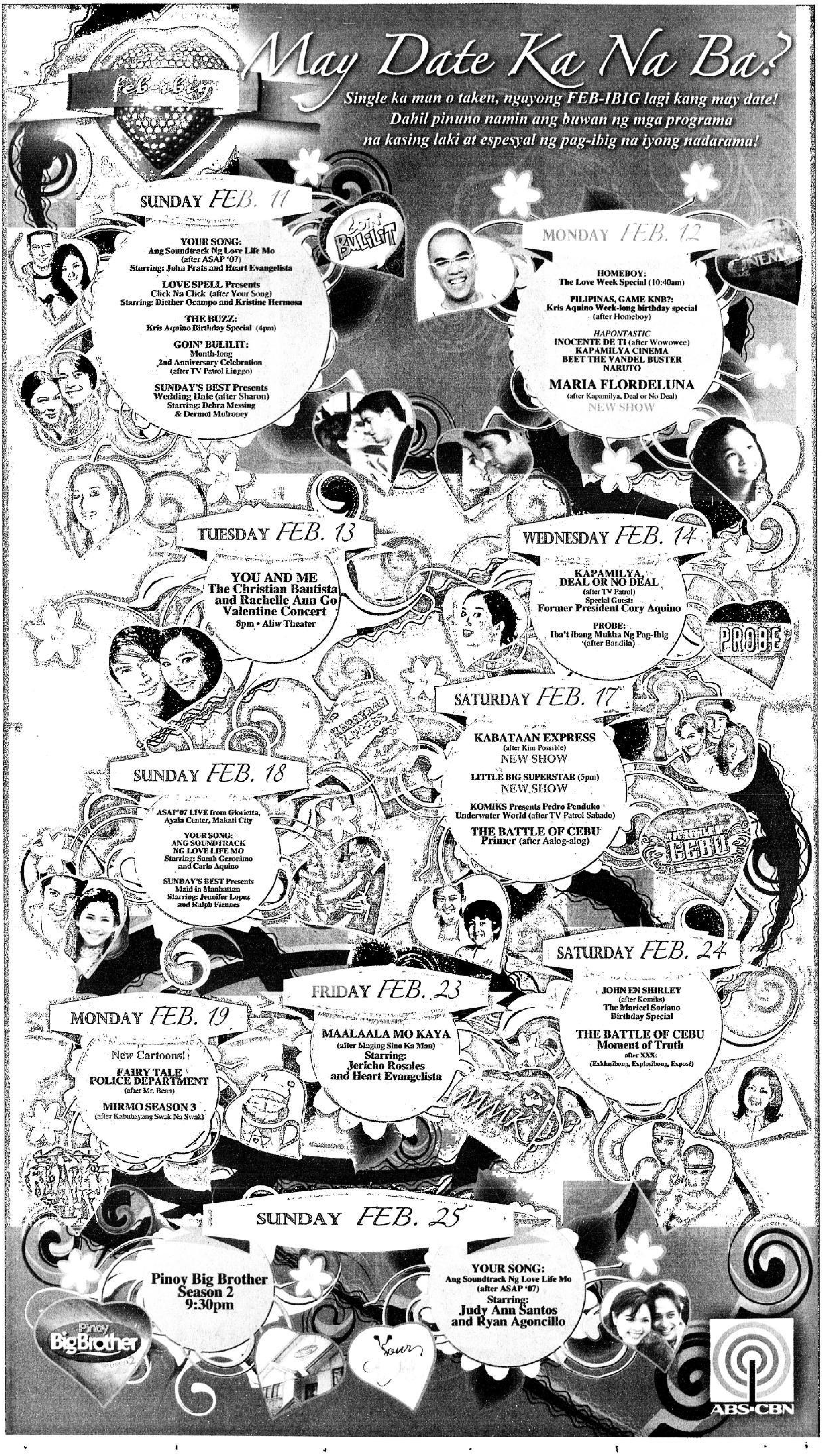

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na kasing laki at espesyal ng pag-ibig na iyong nadarama!

SUNDAY FEB. 11

YOUR SONG:
Ang Soundtrack Ng Love Life Mo
(after ASAP '07)
Starring: John Prats and Heart Evangelista

LOVE SPELL Presents
Click Na Click (after Your Song)
Starring: Diether Ocampo and Kristine Hermosa

THE BUZZ:
Kris Aquino Birthday Special (4pm)

GOIN' BULILIT:
Month-long
2nd Anniversary Celebration
(after TV Patrol Linggo)

SUNDAY'S BEST Presents
Wedding Date (after Sharon)
Starring: Debra Messing
& Dermot Mulroney

MONDAY FEB. 12

HOMEBOY:
The Love Week Special (10:40am)

PILIPINAS, GAME KNB?:
Kris Aquino Week-long birthday special
(after Homeboy)

HAPONTASTIC
INOCENTE DE TI (after Wowowee)
KAPAMILYA CINEMA
BEET THE VANDEL BUSTER
NARUTO

MARIA FLORDELUNA
(after Kapamilya, Deal or No Deal)
NEW SHOW

TUESDAY FEB. 13

YOU AND ME
The Christian Bautista
and Rachelle Ann Go
Valentine Concert
8pm • Aliw Theater

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

KAPAMILYA,
DEAL OR NO DEAL
(after TV Patrol)
Special Guest:
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PROBE:
Iba't ibang Mukha Ng Pag-Ibig
(after Bandila)

SATURDAY FEB. 17

KABATAAN EXPRESS
(after Kim Possible)
NEW SHOW

LITTLE BIG SUPERSTAR (5pm)
NEW SHOW

KOMIKS Presents Pedro Penduko
Underwater World (after TV Patrol Sabado)

THE BATTLE OF CEBU
Primer (after Aalog-alog)

SUNDAY FEB. 18

ASAP'07 LIVE from Glorietta,
Ayala Center, Makati City

YOUR SONG:
ANG SOUNDTRACK
NG LOVE LIFE MO
Starring: Sarah Geronimo
and Carlo Aquino

SUNDAY'S BEST Presents
Maid in Manhattan
Starring: Jennifer Lopez
and Ralph Fiennes

MONDAY FEB. 19

New Cartoons!

FAIRY TALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
(after Mr. Bean)

MIRMO SEASON 3
(after Kabuhayang Swak Na Swak)

FRIDAY FEB. 23

MAALAALA MO KAYA
(after Maging Sino Ka Man)
Starring:
Jericho Rosales
and Heart Evangelista

SATURDAY FEB. 24

JOHN EN SHIRLEY
(after Komiks)
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Birthday Special

THE BATTLE OF CEBU
Moment of Truth
after XXX:
(Exklusibong, Explosibong, Exposé)

SUNDAY FEB. 25

Pinoy Big Brother
Season 2
9:30pm

YOUR SONG:
Ang Soundtrack Ng Love Life Mo
(after ASAP '07)
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CHOOSE YOUR Valentine SHOW

IT'S THAT TIME OF year. And so, once again, we are helping you pick the best show for that special date, by asking the concert artists who are going onstage what they have in store for audiences.

Pops Fernandez

"Hearts & Songs," with Apo Hiking Society and JayR, Feb. 13, Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La. Call 813-8888 or 891-9999.

POPS FERNANDEZ

When you're not doing a concert, how do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

I don't [celebrate it]. Usually, I go out to dinner with other "single" friends. This year ... hopefully, we can make reservations somewhere ... if not, we'll just have an intimate dinner.

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you've ever experienced?

Nothing stands out, really.

What's an ideal Valentine date?

A typical movie date, but then he'll blindfold you and surprise you with flowers and candles all around.

Who's your fantasy date?

Brad Pitt! But in a scenario where he chooses between me and Angelina Jolie. Might as well dream big, right?

What's the most romantic love song?

Well, it isn't necessarily the most romantic, but it's my favorite. It gives me goose bumps and makes my heart skip a beat every time I hear it—Stephen Bishop's "It Might Be You" gets me all the time.

If you were not doing a show, who would you watch?

Among local artists, I'd pick Sharon Cuneta. I've never had the chance to watch her and I'd love to do that.

Why should we watch your show?

Because it's the best! Of course, a live performance with the Apo is always a great experience. I have my style, JayR has his own technique and it's exciting to see what all of us will do in our production numbers. *Bayani San Diego Jr.*

Williams: Come for the music

Paul Williams

"The Great American Songwriters Series," with Dennis Lambert; Feb. 11, Central Bank Auditorium, Davao City; Feb. 12, Limketkai Center Atrium, Cagayan de Oro City; Feb. 13, Rose Auditorium, Central Philippines University, Iloilo City; Feb. 14, Araneta Coliseum. Call 911-5555.

When you're not doing a concert, how do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day, like New Year's Eve, is not the easiest of holidays when you're alone. I know there have been times in my life, especially in my 20s, when I dreaded those "couples" celebrations. So, for me there's a bit of sadness for the people who haven't found the right partner in life. I look at my beautiful Mariana and say, "Thank you, God, You were right." This was all worth waiting for. I try to show my gratitude with more than just flowers or jewelry. I try to be a better husband and friend, a better listener, more patient. I'm still a work in progress!

PAUL WILLIAMS

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you ever experienced?

Mariana and I were married on Valentine's Day at a gorgeous little hotel in Washington D.C. called The Mansion. Chris Caswell (my music director and best friend) was best man. Our minister flew in to perform the ceremony. I gave a concert that night to support their museum, and sang "Our Song" to her. Everybody cried, including me!

What's an ideal Valentine date?

Some place right on the water. Soft waves kissing the shore, as the moonlight dances her approval. Moonlight, flowers ... great music ... Dancing, of course. I'm an enthusiastic dancer with my lady in my arms. Not the smoothest, but very enthusiastic. I think it's more fun to share at least part of the evening with friends. The conversation is terrific, and it's even nicer when they leave the two of you alone!

Who's your fantasy date?

Honestly? Tiger Woods! We'd have a nice little cup of coffee ... then I'd show him my golf swing ... then he'd cry ... then he'd slowly and gently teach me how to keep the ball in the middle of the fairway ... about 250 yards off the tee ... then I'd cry.

The fact is, I wake up next to my fantasy date almost every morning—my beautiful wife.

What's the most romantic love song?

The Gershwins' "Someone To Watch Over Me" has always been at the top of my list. I've spent my life writing songs and that remains the most touching I've ever heard. Of my own songs, "Love Dance" (with Ivan Lins) may be my personal best. "Turn up the quiet ... love wants to dance" says a lot I think.

If you were not doing a show, who would you watch?

I have wide musical tastes. From the Scissor Sisters to Tony Bennett ... I love Willy Nelson and I love The Eagles.

Why should we watch your show?

Come for the music ... Stay for the laughs. You bring the memories and I'll bring the songs. The best part of being a songwriter ... the "heart" payment ... is to have someone come to you with a personal story about your songs. To hear, "My mom was a single parent and 'You and Me Against the World' was her favorite song ..." or "My husband and I were married to 'Evergreen'" ... or "Our first dance was to 'We've Only Just Begun'" ... that's as good as it gets for a songwriter. It's a "full circle moment" for me as a songwriter. To quote myself, (you may have heard this in the new Coke Commercial) "You Give a Little Love and it All Comes Back to You!"

"Rainbow Connection" seems to have been a part of growing up for many people. I close my show with it. Recorded first by Kermit the Frog, it's been covered by Willy Nelson, The Dixie Chicks, Jason Mraz, Sarah McGlaughlin ... It's an honor and a privilege to have been a part of people's lives. I thank the Lord every day for the privilege to write and to perform. And in advance ... I send my love and thanks to the people of the Philippines who chose to spend an evening with me. *Pocholo Concepcion, Contributor*

Rachelle Ann Go

"You and Me," with Christian Bautista, Feb. 13, Aliw Theater.

RACHELLE ANN GO

If you're not busy working, how do you usually celebrate Valentine's Day?

I just stay home and spend time with my family. Of course, that was before Christian [Bautista] came into the picture. Ha-ha!

Christian and I are both going to be busy on Valentine's Day, so we might not be able to go out on the day itself. We're planning to set aside another day for that.

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you ever experienced?

Last year, when I did a show at the Music Museum, Christian waited for me for hours. Just as my family and I were about to leave, he emerged from his car and handed me a dozen roses.

What's your idea of the perfect Valentine's Day date?

I'd like to enjoy a candlelit dinner with my special someone. I think the beach would be a romantic setting.

Who's your dream date?

Aside from Christian? Ha-ha! It would have to be either Tom Cruise or Matthew Goode.

What's the most romantic love song?

"You," by Basil Valdez. That's [my and Christian's] theme song.

If you didn't have your own pre-Valentine's Day concert, whose concert would you watch?

Sharon Cuneta.

Why should we watch your show?

We will sing some of our theme songs—*kasama na 'yung* "You." We will also do a lot of duets. There will also be certain numbers *na ikagugulat ng mga manonood.*

RJ Jacinto

"Romance and Dance" at The Manila Polo Club Main Lounge, Feb. 14; 8 p.m. Call 817-0951 or 899-3108.

When you're not doing a concert, how do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

An elegant dinner out with my wife.

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you ever experienced?

The time when I filled our bedroom with roses—white and pink.

What's an ideal Valentine date?

Valentine is like a retreat. You quiet down and start taking stock of your relationship. So any activity—an intimate dinner or just time together, talking about your relationship—is ideal.

Who's your fantasy date?

If I had not met my wife, maybe Angelie Jolie.

What's the most romantic love song?

"Softly, As I Leave You."

If you were not doing a show, who would you watch?

Sitti.

Why should we watch your show?

It's the only Valentine show that has dancing all night and Polo Club is safe, lots of parking; comfortable with great company around you.

Bo Cerrudo

"The Love Cancert" (for cancer patients and survivors), with the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, Philamlife Theater, Feb. 16;

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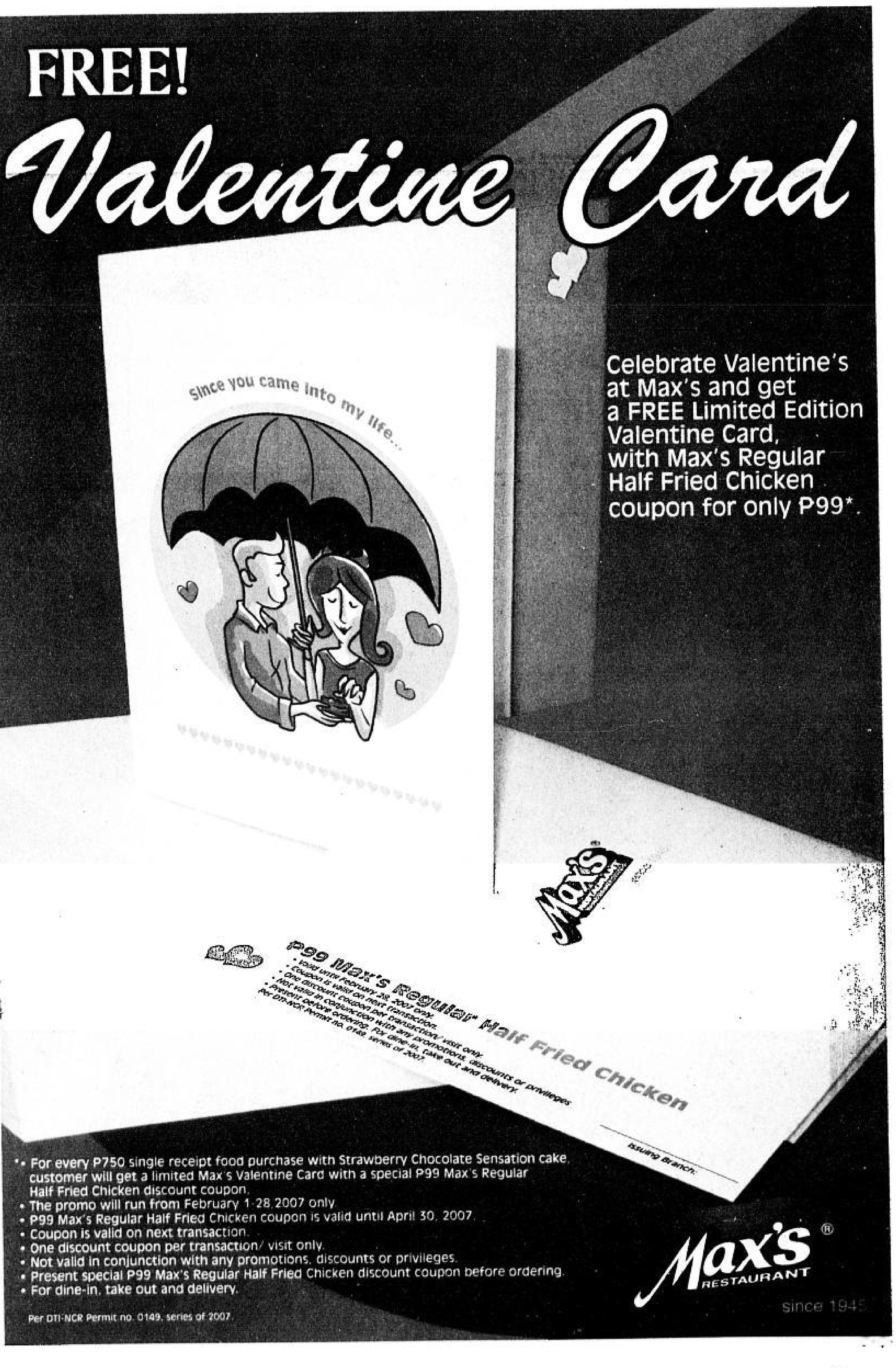

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"Tonight, Love," Captain's Bar of Mandarin Oriental, Feb. 23.

When you're not doing a concert, how do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

I take my family to Tagaytay to enjoy the cool weather, a good dinner and some wine.

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you ever experienced?

When my girlfriend (now my wife) planned on having some drinks in Antipolo, and my car could not make it up the steep slopes. On our way back down, I just sang her a song that touched her very much. We were married soon after.

What's an ideal Valentine date?

Watching the sunset on a beach, glass of wine in hand and my wife and son beside me.

BO CERRUDO

MYMP

THE COMPANY

Who's your fantasy date?

Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, or Ashley Judd.

What's the most romantic love song?

That would have to be "A Time For Us" from "Romeo and Juliet." Theirs is the ultimate love story—very intense and passionate.

If you were not doing a show, who would you watch?

David Pomeranz. We were rehearsing for our respective shows at the same time in adjacent rehearsal studios and I liked what I heard. Nice guy—and his songs are timeless.

Why should we watch your show?

I'll be singing songs familiar to people but not often played on the radio, TV or even in shows. It will be a refreshing evening of nostalgia. Moreover, the proceeds will help rebuild the lives of the Albay typhoon victims.

MYMP

"MYMP in Love," with Top Suzara, Feb. 14, SM Megamall Cinema 9. Call 891-5610 or 891-9999.

When you're not doing a concert, how do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

Juris Fernandez: I prefer to have dinner at home ... and maybe watch movies on DVD.

Chin Alcantara: I usually go out and have dinner somewhere. Possibly, we'll also watch a movie.

What's the most romantic Valentine's Day you've ever experienced?

Juris:I hope I'll get to experience it this year.

Chin: Back in high school, when my girlfriend and I opened the card we gave to each other, we discovered that they were exactly the same!

KUH LEDESMA

IVY VIOLAN

What's an ideal Valentine date?

Juris: Anywhere is "ideal" for as long as I'm with the one I love.

Chin: In Antipolo or Tagaytay. A candlelight dinner, with a breathtaking view of the city or Taal Lake.

Who's your fantasy date?

Juris: My boyfriend! But it would have to be a double dinner date with Lea Salonga and her husband Robert Chien.

Chin: Among local stars, Anne Curtis. Among Hollywood stars, Jessica Alba.

What's the most romantic love song?

Juris: Norah Jones' "Come Away With Me."

Chin: Alison Krauss' "Baby Now That I Found You." Everything is right about it: the lyrics, the melody, the arrangement. It touches the heart.

If you were not doing a show, who would you watch?

Juris: I'd love to watch Lea Salonga at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu on Feb. 14.

Chin: Among local artists, I'd pick Side A. Among foreign acts, Boys II Men.

Why should we watch your show?

Juris: Because it's going to be a romantic and relaxing evening. It'll make you fall in love again!

Chin: This is the show for you, whether you're in love, broken-hearted or just feeling romantic. *Bayani San Diego Jr.*

Other shows

"Here And Now Tour 2007: Cliff Richard Live In Manila" is a one-night-only event on Feb. 13, 8 p.m. at the Araneta Coliseum.

Produced by Solar Entertainment Corporation, this Manila leg of the British singer's world tour will showcase hit songs of the '60s that Richard popularized.

These include "The Young Ones," "How Wonderful To Know," "On The Beach," "The Next Time," "When The Girl In Your Arms Is The Girl In Your Heart," "Summer Holiday," "Constantly," "Bachelor Boy," "Theme For A Dream."

Tickets are at P8,500 P7,500, P6,500, P4,000, P2,000 and P500. Call 991-5555.

The CompanY

The CompanY opens the Centennial Resort Hotel and Convention in Jaro, Iloilo with the concert titled "Everlasting Love." Musical director is Beth Martin. Tickets are available at SM City Iloilo, SM Mandurriao, EON Centennial Plaza Hotel and ABS-CBN Iloilo.

Kuh Ledesma

Diva Kuh Ledesma stars in "Love Is ...," Feb. 13 and 14 at the Captain's Bar of the

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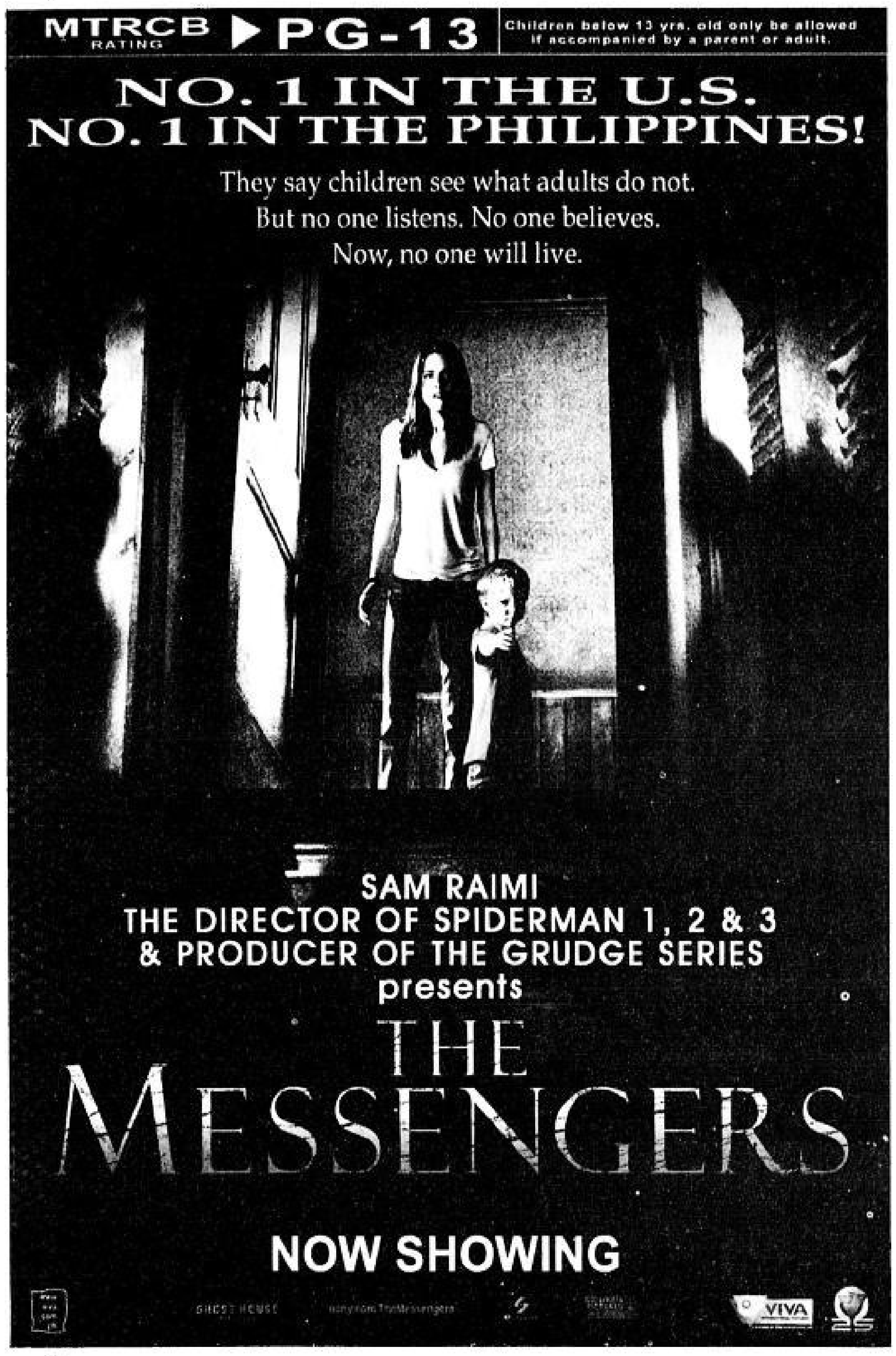

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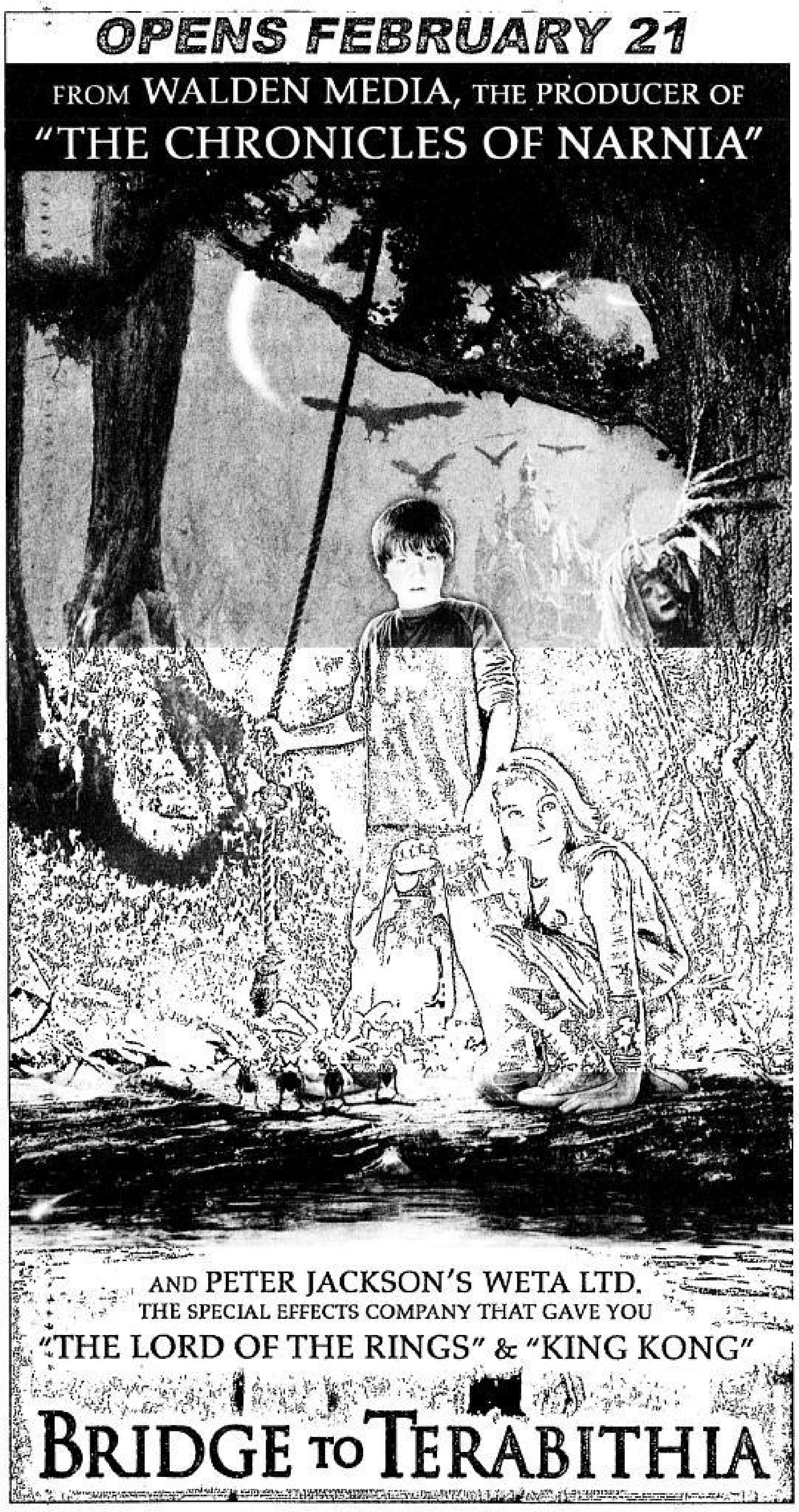

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Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6am-12mn)

	4QTR 2006	JANUARY 2007
GMA	**16.7**	↑**17.3**
ABS-CBN	14.3	14.1
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	**2.4**	↑ **3.2**

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JANUARY 2007 CHANNEL RATINGS BY DAY PART

Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6am-12mn)

	MORNING (6 am - 12 nn)	AFTERNOON (12 nn - 6 pm)	EVENING (6 pm - 12 mn)
GMA	**8.9**	**18.4**	**24.4**
ABS-CBN	6.6	15.5	20.1
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	**2.3**	**2.9**	**4.3**

13 OUT OF THE TOP 20 PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

Mega Manila TV Households JANUARY 2007

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING %
1	ASIAN TREASURES	GMA	37.2
2	CAPTAIN BARBELL	GMA	32.2
3	24 ORAS	GMA	30.5
4	ATLANTIKA	GMA	29.6
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6	BAKEKANG	GMA	29.3
7	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA	27.7
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11	KAPUSO MO, JESSICA SOHO	GMA	26.0
12	A ROSY LIFE	GMA	25.7
13	JUMONG	GMA	24.7
14	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR YEAR 3	GMA	23.8
15	EAT BULAGA	GMA	22.6
16	MEL & JOEY	GMA	22.6
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Mandarin Hotel.

Guest stars: songwriter/balladeer Rey Valera and pop singer Erik Santos. Call 721-0635 or 893-3601.

Ivy Violan

Ivy Violan's "Easy to Love You" concert at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila Hotel on Feb. 14 marks her 25th anniversary in show business.

The show also stars Nonoy Zuniga and Nanette Inventor and surprise guests. Mel Villena will conduct the orchestra. Call 832-2974 or 823-2977.

- "Love Lode," a dinner show at the Harbor Garden Tent on Feb. 14, will feature Toy Symphony and MP Strings performing popular tunes from the '70s to the '90s. Call 551-5555, ext. 1913 or 1247.

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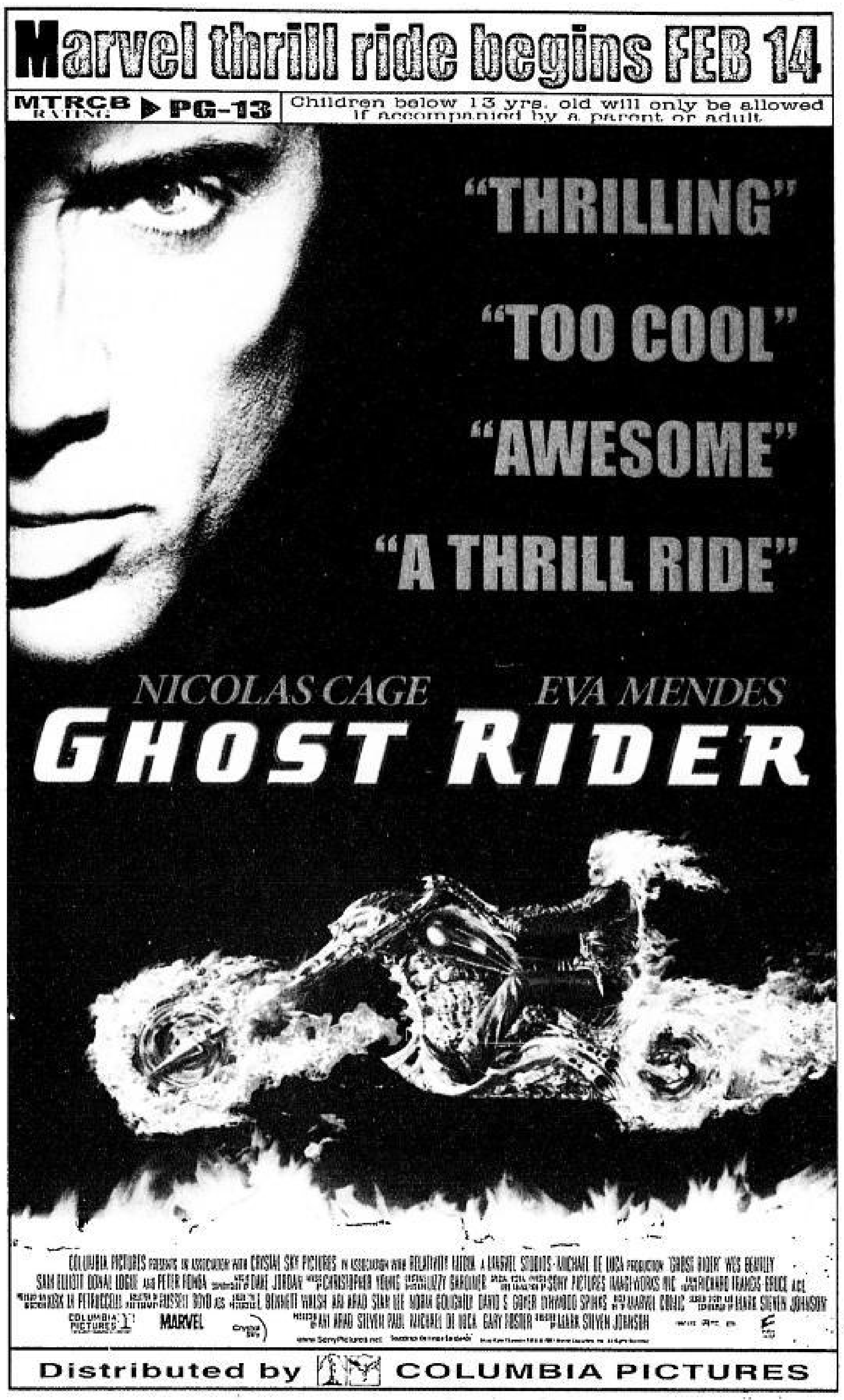
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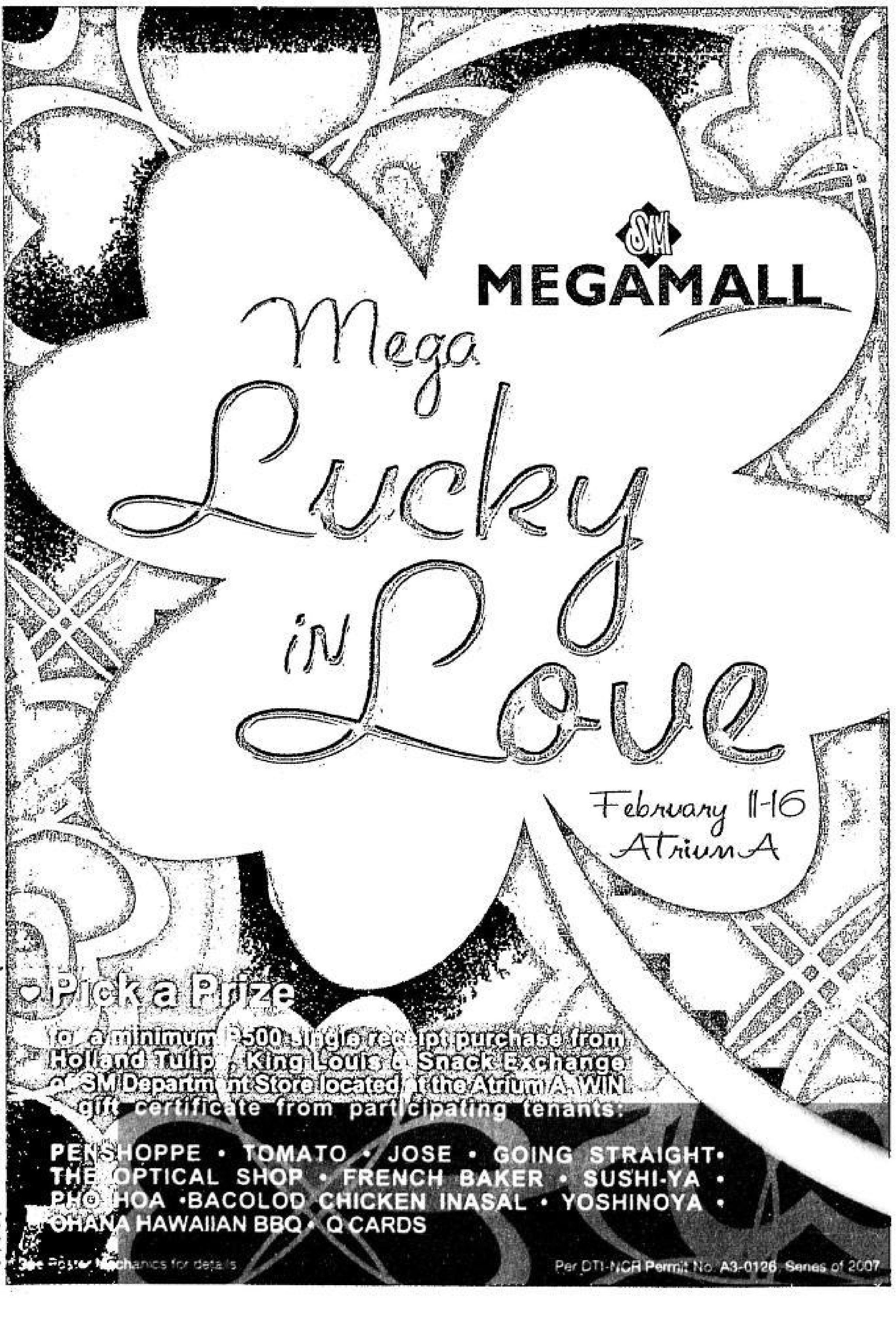

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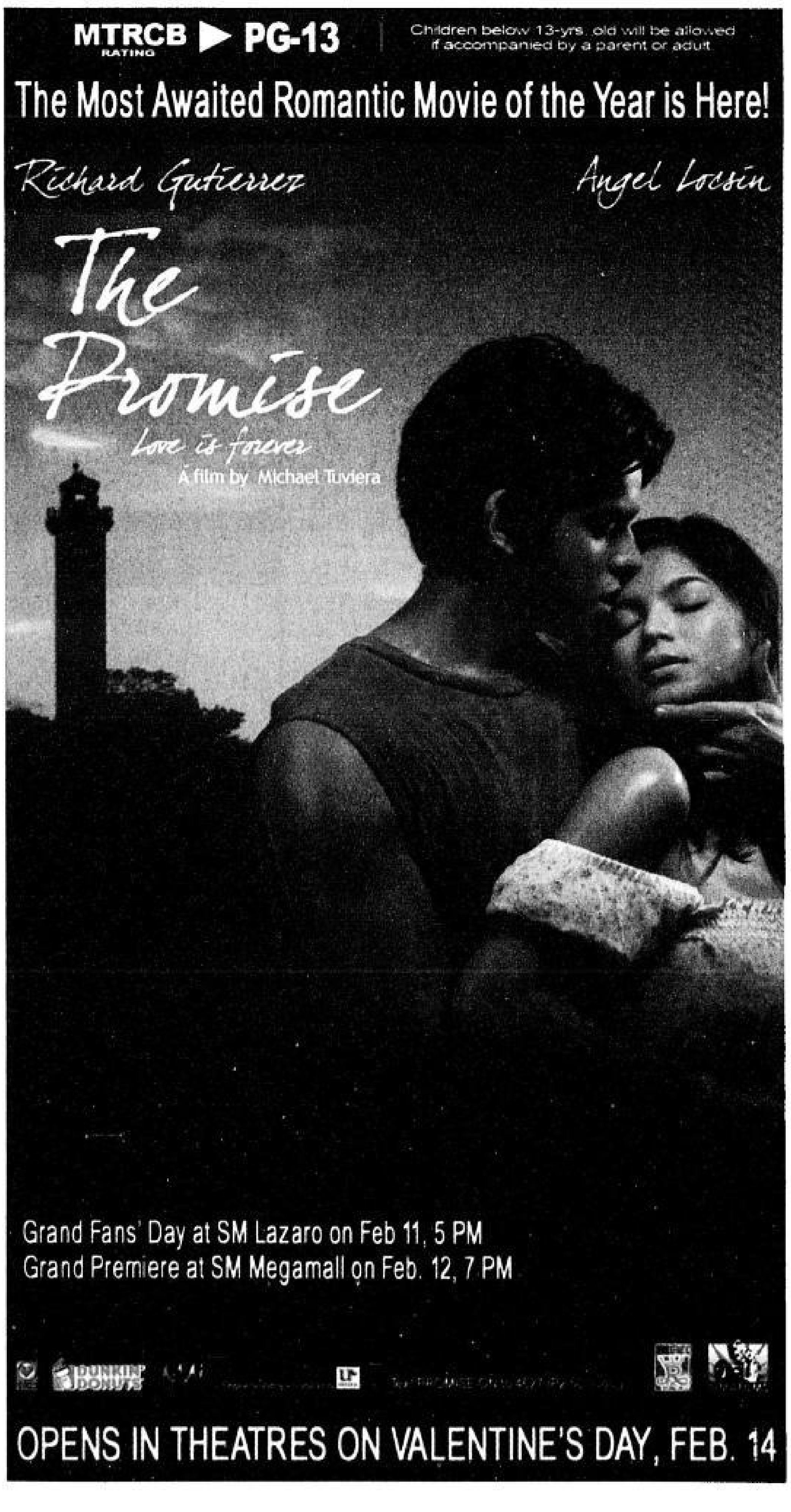
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R. Castillo St., Agdao, Davao City	1,303 sq.m. parcel of land with warehouse/ residential buildings erected thereon, covered with TCT – T112220	₱ 15,833,000.00
Guanzon St., Barangay III, Kabankalan City	1,012 sq.m. adjoining 2 parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-179416 and T-179417	7,084,000.00
Merchan St., Barangay Poblacion, Lucena City	805 sq.m. lot with TCT No. T-30703	24,236,500.00
Paseo del Congreso Catmon, Malolos City, Bulacan	866 sq.m. adjoining 2 parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-91884 and T-91885	19,052,000.00
Johnston Subdivision, San Jose Zamboanga City	1,445 sq.m. adjoining 3 parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-26,296, T-26,297 and T-26,298	6,140,000.00
Expedition Drive cor. Jaguar St., Mercado Village, Barangay Pulong Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa, Laguna	2,150 sq.m. lot with TCT No. T-385520	32,250,000.00
Bula, Gen. Santos City	2,241 sq.m. adjoining parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-1733, T-1734, T-1735 and T-1736	2,706,400.00
Barangay Magsaysay, Polomolok, South Cotabato	794 sq.m. adjoining parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-78490 and T-78491	3,917,000.00
Lot 3 Blk 11, Oro Vista Village, Barangay Carmen, Cag. De Oro City	1,012 sq.m. lot with TCT No. T-9863	1,822,000.00
Ayala Highway, Barangay Balintawak, North Lipa City	3,165 sq.m. adjoining parcel of lots covered with TCT Nos. T-108495 and T-108496	37,663,500.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the WSD, PSM Basement, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

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The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

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Approved Budget : Five Million One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Pesos (Php 5,194,000.00)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	February 1, 2007 – February 23, 2007
2. Pre-Bid Conference	February 13, 2007 (2 pm)
3. Submission of Bids	February 26, 2007 (2 pm)
4. Opening of Bids	February 26, 2007 (2 pm onwards)

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office, 2nd Flr. PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila upon payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of ***Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Pesos (Php 2,597.00)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

PAGCOR assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

PAGCOR reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 1

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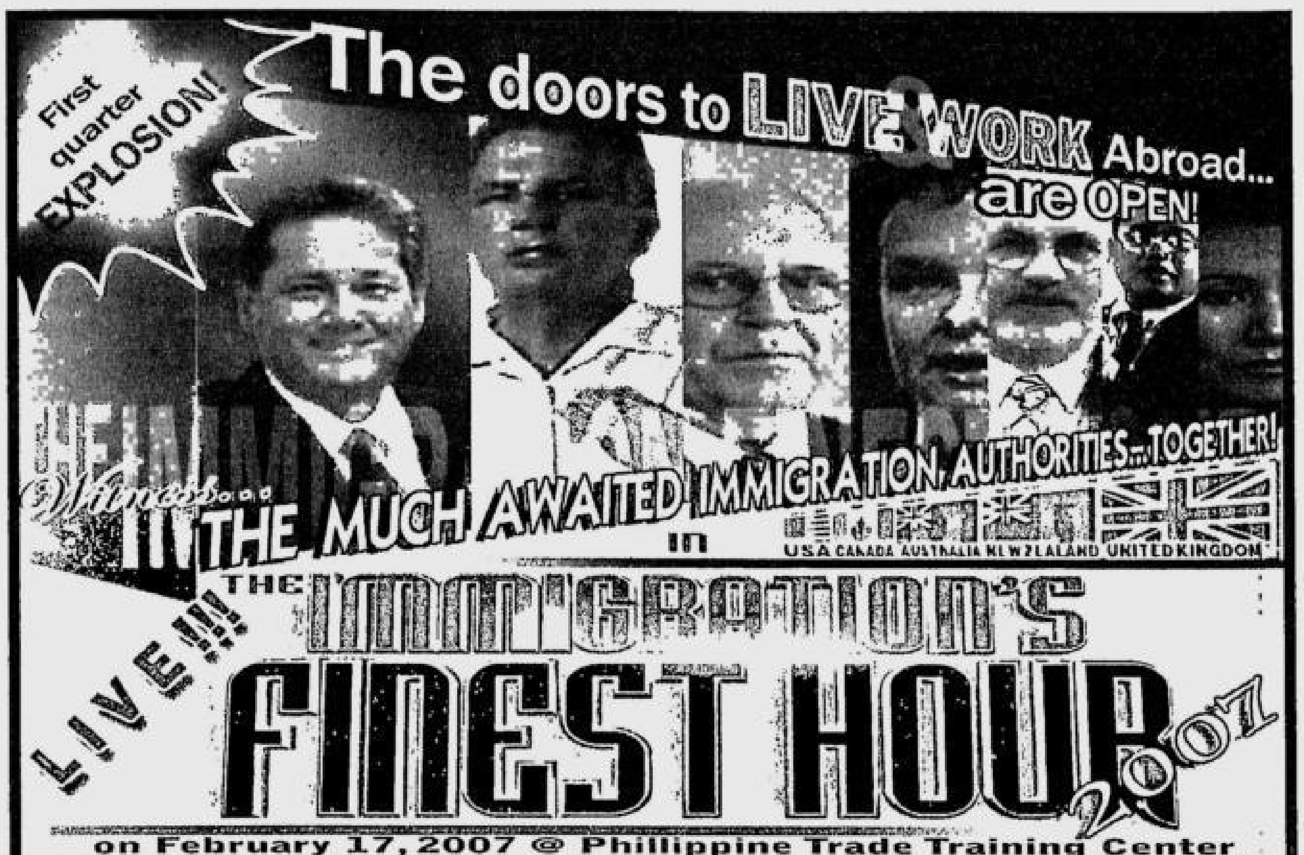
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Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), medical/health professional groups who fit the following criteria are invited to send their expressions of interest (EOIs) to the PNAC Secretariat:

- Registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission
- At least three years experience of working productively for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS related programs and projects are not limited to one region of the country; and
- Implement programs that show potential for national replicability

For interested parties and organizations, please accomplish the attached form and send through electronic and regular mail on or before March 15, 2007 to:

The Secretariat
Philippine National AIDS Council
3rd Floor Building 15
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
e-mail: pnac_sec@yahoo.com

*Only mailed (electronic or regular mail) EOIs will be accepted. For more information, please call Mr. Rench Chanliongco or Dr. Roderick Poblete at 743-0512, 743-8301 local 2552, 2553.

By the Chair:

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO T. DUQUE, III, MD, MSc
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2007 CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The PTFCF is seeking project proposals from qualified individuals, institutions and organizations throughout the Philippines. Proposed activities must deliver measurable results that support one or more of the following activities:

1.1 Establishment, restoration, protection and maintenance of parks, protected areas and reserves. Such activities could include, for example, demarcation of protected forests and buffer zones, identification of unique or representative forest areas, or inventory and protection of areas featuring species richness and high levels of endemism.

1.2 Development and implementation of scientifically sound systems of natural resource management, including land and ecosystem management practices. Such activities could include, for example, forest inventory, assessment and monitoring; implementation of criteria and indicators for forest conservation and sustainable management; or testing and application of silvi-cultural techniques.

1.3 Training programs to increase scientific, technical and managerial capacities of individuals and organizations involved in forest conservation efforts. Such activities could include, for example, short-term training courses, internships and study tours; development of community extension services; environmental education and public awareness programs; enhancement of university curricula in forest management or conservation biology; or education and training to develop capacity of local nongovernmental organizations.

1.4 Restoration, protection or sustainable use of diverse animal and plant species. Such activities could include, for example, rehabilitation of degraded forests; sustainable hunting, fishing, animal farming; improvement of forest health and vitality; or efforts to assess/ address illegal logging.

1.5 Research and identification of medicinal uses of tropical forest plant life to treat human diseases, illnesses and health related concerns. Such activities could include, for example, ethnobotany studies; sample collection and analysis; or technical document preparation, publication and dissemination.

1.6 Development and support of the livelihoods of individuals living in or near a tropical forest in a manner consistent with protecting such a tropical forest. Such activities could include, for example, development of community- based and women's enterprise involving wood or non-wood products; application of low impact logging practices; or development of multiple-use tree species outside natural forests.

1.7 Activities related to coastal forest resources management and protection, including combating illegal logging and developing sustainable community-based enterprises.

Priority will be given to project proposals with eligible activities implemented in dipterocarp or old-growth forests, mangrove forests, threatened watersheds, and key forest biodiversity sites identified by the government and / or conservation groups.

Proponents shall submit a Concept Paper and a Proponent Profile and an electronic copy of the documents to the PTFCF Office at Unit 714 Manila Bank Building, 6772 Ayala Avenue, Makati City. Deadline for submission of the Concept paper and proponent profile is on March 12, 2007. Documents sent in by mail must be postmarked not later than March 12, 2007.

A. Submission Requirements

The Concept Paper must not exceed two (2) pages (A4 size) and the Proponent Profile must not exceed one (1) page (A4 size). The Proponent Profile must include the names of key officers, contact numbers including e-mail and mailing address, government registration, and relevant past experiences of the proponent as to the proposed project.

The Concept Paper should provide concise information on the following:

1. **Rationale and Main Objective**
   - A brief problem statement, the main objective and the specific objectives of the project, particularly as they relate to PTFCF's list of eligible activities. The analysis, if appropriate, should include problems or threats to be addressed or needs to be met by the project, including tenure and resource use issues.
2. **Location, Site or Scope of the Project**
   - Identify proposed project location (the Barangay, Town and Province), including forest type/size/ elevation, if possible. The scope of project impacts, whether local and national should also be stated.
3. **Outcome or Expected results**
   - Categorize expected results and how these improve or advance the current situation. Outcomes or expected results must be quantified and closely linked to the stated objectives. Baseline information should be indicated.
4. **Methods/general plan of action**
   - Describe strategies for achieving results.
5. **Activities**
   - Describe specific activities that will be implemented
6. **Budget**
   - Describe the general budget items in support of planned activities. Budget allocations for personnel services should not exceed 25% and 10% for administrative costs. Counterpart contributions of proponent and potential partners, including monetized value of labor and use of equipment, should also be described.

B. Financial Scope

The maximum grant amount per project is two million pesos. A premium is placed on projects that are cost-effective and strongly encourages cost-sharing and counterpart contribution. PTFCF considers multi-year projects, depending on the project components and activities necessary to achieve the objectives. However, PTFCF can only award funds on a yearly basis. Continuation of funding support is contingent on the evaluation of outputs for the current project period.

C. Eligible Institutions

The following types of organization and institutions are eligible:

a) Non-governmental or community-based environmental, forestry, conservation, developmental organizations and indigenous people organizations active in the Philippines; and
b) Economic, scientific, educational, social and professional organizations.

PTFCF discourages multiple proposals from single proponents. Organizations with a national scope i.e., large non-government organizations or federations, should encourage their local partners to submit proposals. Second or subsequent proposals from current PTFCF grantees maybe considered contingent on the delivery of results of the current project.

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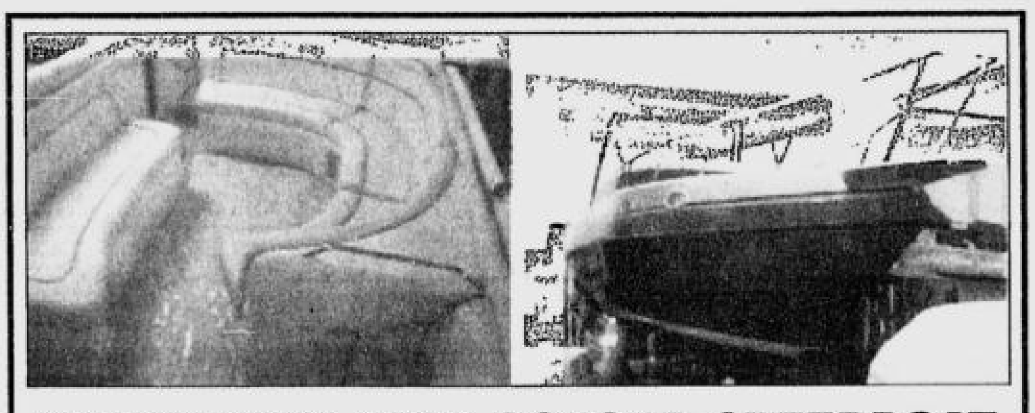

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Final Notice

Subject: Last Day for Filing Application to Regularize Unauthorized/ Illegal Reclamation is 28 February 2007

The Philippine Reclamation Authority or PRA (formerly Public Estates Authority), is hereby issuing this advisory that there will no longer be further extension of the abovementioned deadline which is actually the second extension of the original deadline set under the PRA Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 2005-1.

Applications, letters of intent or similar documents received at the PRA office on or before 28 February 2007 or post-marked 28 February 2007 shall be considered for proccessing under the aforecited A.O. PRA's address is 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

Thereafter, unauthorized/illegal reclamations shall be forfeited in favor of the National Government pursuant to Presidential Decree 3-A, Presidential Decree 1084, as amended, and Executive Order 543 delegating full Presidential power for PRA to approve all reclamation projects. The PRA actions shall be done in collaboration with the Office of the President, DOJ, OGCC, DENR and the DILG.

For compliance.

Philippine Reclamation Authority

By:
ANDREA D. DOMINGO
General Manager/CEO

Noted:
Hon. RAMON B. REVILLA, SR.
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Notice is given that the estate of late FELICITAS G. BORJA was extrajudicially settled by the heirs with waiver of shares as per Doc 0054; Page 41; Book CXVIII; Series 2007 before Notary Public Atty. Elsa Verdadero Perlas of Pasig City (PDI - Feb. 4, 11 & 18, 2007)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HEIRS OF THE LATE RODOLFO QUINTOS PARTITIONED HIS ESTATE IN AN EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED RODOLFO QUINTOS EXECUTED ON DECEMBER 28, 2006 AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE CITY OF MANILA, ROBERTO B. ARCA RECORDED IN HIS NOTARIAL REGISTER AS DOC. No. 11; PAGE 3; BOOK II; SERIES of 2006 OF HIS NOTARIAL REGISTER
PDI-Feb. 4,11 & 18, 2007

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ERLINDA SAMONTE GARCIA has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs as per Doc#434 Page#88 Book-#LXXXI Series of 2005 before Notary Public Primitivo C. Cruz of Taguig City, Metro Manila.
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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JESUS P. AVENDANO was self-adjudicated by her wife, ERLINDA, Parcel of (Lot 25A of the subd. PSD 00444625 being a portion of Lot 25/ at Bo. Barangka Ilaas Mandaluyong City as per Doc#390 Pate#79 Book#1 Series of 2007 by Atty. Jimmy D. Lacebal Mandaluyong City.
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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late GENE CRUZ was extrajudicially settled by his heirs per Doc No. 55; Page No. 11; book No. 107 Series of 2007 before Notary Public Jose L. Sta Ana of Marikina City
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PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (PRA)
[formerly Public Estates Authority (PEA)]
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2007-2

SUBJECT: **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 543 (EO 543) DATED JUNE 24, 2006 DELEGATING TO THE PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (PRA) THE POWER TO APPROVE RECLAMATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, it is the President's objective to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency in the approval of all reclamation projects.

Section 1. Scope and Application: This IRR shall apply to all reclamation and shall specify and enumerate the requirements and procedures for the approval of all reclamation projects nationwide.

Section 2. Coverage: This IRR shall cover the following:

2.1 Reclamation undertaken by persons or entities with original authority to reclaim under existing laws:
  (a) Cities and provinces using their own funds authorized under Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the 1991 Local Government Code of 1991;
  (b) Government agencies and instrumentalities and government owned and/ or controlled corporations authorized to reclaim under their charters or other existing laws (e.g. PPA, LLDA, DOT, BCDA, DPWH)

2.2. Reclamation Projects of persons or entities authorized to reclaim through a proper contract with PRA.

Section 3. No reclamation projects shall be undertaken by all the entities covered under Section 2 hereof without the prior permit and approval thereof by the PRA or the President of the Philippines (President). Other than the PRA or the President, there is no other government agency or local government units which is authorized to approve reclamation projects.

Section 4. Approval Process And Procedures:

In the application and approval of the reclamation projects, the following process and procedures shall apply:

4.1. The applicant shall file with the PRA a letter of intent or application to undertake a reclamation project together with the following requirements:
  (a) Legal documents to be submitted by applicants, as follows:
    a.1. *Individual Filipino Citizens*
      Proof of Philippine citizenship as follows:
        a. Original or duly authenticated copy of Birth certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar or NSO
        b. Certificate of Naturalization
        c. Any other legally acceptable document to prove Filipino citizenship
    a.2. *Partnership/Corporation/Association*
        i. Certificate of Registration from DTI or SEC
        ii. Proof that the corporation is 60% owned by Filipino citizens
        iii. Certification of Corporate Secretary on the current membership of the Board of Directors and Authority of the Person filing the application to the PRA.
    a.3. *Local Government Unit (LGU) /Other Government Agency (OGA)*
        i. Board/Council Resolution authorizing LGU/OGA to file an application with PRA
        ii. Certified true copy of the charter or other incorporation documents.
  (b) Reclamation Project Description indicating the following:
    b.1. Proposed area, location and sketch plan
    b.2. Description of the Reclamation Site – (average depth, boundaries, immediate vicinity, distance from shoreline, existing roads/access/ egress and ingress, available infrastructure facilities/utilities, e.g., sources of power, water and telecommunication)
    b.3. Reclamation methodology – estimated volume/quantity and types of the fill materials, for the containment/retention wall and consolidation as well as reclamation procedures/techniques
    b.4. Identified sources of filling materials and location vis-à-vis the project site
    b.5. Estimated cost of reclamation including supporting data (e.g., labor, available equipment and average unit cost/rental rates)
    b.6. Proposed funding/financing of the project and mode of implementation
    b.7. Proposed project timetable
  (c) DENR Requirements (for Area Clearance)
    c.1. Preliminary Geo-Hazard Assessment of the Area
    c.2. CENRO Certification on the status of the area and land classification of adjacent land
  (d) Requirements of other concerned government agencies as may be necessary and applicable.

4.2 The applicant shall pay the following fees:

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4.3 After determination of completeness of application, the PRA shall refer the same to the DENR and other relevant government agencies for issuance of clearance as necessary.

4.4 Upon receipt of the area clearance from DENR and other concerned government agencies/instrumentalities, PRA shall process, evaluate and approve the reclamation project within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt of the area clearance. After the PRA Board approval of the reclamation project, the PRA shall notify the applicant of the approval or disapproval thereof within seven (7) days from the date of the said PRA Board approval.

Section 5. Approved reclamation projects may be implemented under any business arrangements allowed under existing laws, provided however that all the reclamation contracts shall be awarded through public bidding subject to exceptions provided under existing laws.

Implementation of reclamation projects by persons or entities without original authority to reclaim shall be covered by a contract with PRA subject to the condition that all such contracts of PRA be awarded only through public bidding under existing laws.

Section 6. The implementation of all reclamation projects shall be subject to monitoring and regulation by PRA and a corresponding regulatory fee of at least 2.5% of the estimated reclamation costs shall be charged therefor.

Section 7. Reclamation projects undertaken without the required approval of the PRA or the President of the Philippines contrary to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1084 as amended by Executive Order No. 525 and Executive Order No. 543, shall be considered illegal and shall be forfeited to the State pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 3-A.

Section 8. The approval of the reclamation project granted by PRA pursuant to EO 543 and this IRR shall not be construed as diminishing the President's authority to modify, amend or nullify PRA's action.

Section 9. If any provision of this IRR is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 10. This IRR shall take effect immediately.

Done in Makati City this 31st day of January 2007.

PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY

BY: **ANDREA D. DOMINGO**
General Manager and CEO

Noted
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...Survived by beloved husband **Engr. Jose Collado** & daughter **Gladys Collado**(Bahrain); mother, **Emilia P. Guerrero**; brothers **Nestor** & **Efren Guerrero** (Renton, WA), **Melvin Guerrero** (San Juan, I.S.); sisters **Piedad** & **Manuel Mariano** (Renton, WA), **Lirio Guerrero** (San Francisco, CA), **Irene Mignon** & **Judge Victor Sison** (New Jersey), **Blanquita** & **Alex Bravo** (New Jersey), **Yolanda** & **Dr. Ben Purugganan, Jr.** (Quezon City); brothers and sisters-in-law **Roy** & **Tessie Collado**, **Rey** & **Dita Collado**; nephews, nieces, grandchildren, uncles, aunties, cousins and all relatives and friends.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels & Crematorium, Guadalupe, Makati City. Daily Masses are being offered at the Immaculate Conception School of Theology, Vigan City; St. Joseph's Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Q.C.; Adoration Convent of Divine Mercy, Tagaytay City; Benedictine Abbey, Vigan City; and San Juan Bautista Church, Ordot, Guam.

Interment at Everest Hills Memorial Park, Susana Heights, Muntinlupa City on Thursday, February 15, 2007 after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Peregrine Church in Tunasan, Muntinlupa City.

Julieta Cano Pangalangan

Died in the Grace of our Lord
on February 9, 2007 at the age of 78.

She will be dearly missed by her beloved husband **Ernesto**; her loving children **Raul** and **Beth**, **Ditas** and **Ed**, **Rowena** and **Dennis**, **Junie** and **Mae**, **Dindo**, & **Eileen** and **Vic**; her grandchildren **Paco**, **Louie**, **Gabriel**, **Chino**, **Celine**, **Apa**, **Inna**, **Mico**, **Joey**, **Tomas**, **Bino**, **Wito**, **JP**, **Tatti**, & **Maki**; her sisters and her brother. Her relatives and loved ones request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the mortuary, Sanctuario de San Jose, Greenhills East, Mandaluyong City.

Cremation will follow after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

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We wish to express our profound gratitude,
to you who in so many ways
condoled, helped and
comforted us
during our time of bereavement.

from the family of
Felixberto C. Sta. Maria
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MESSAGE OF THANKS

We the family of the late

GLORIA GUBALLA-SY

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on February 3, 2007

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We the family of the late

LUISA MONSURA VDA DE PAULINO

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on January 31, 2007

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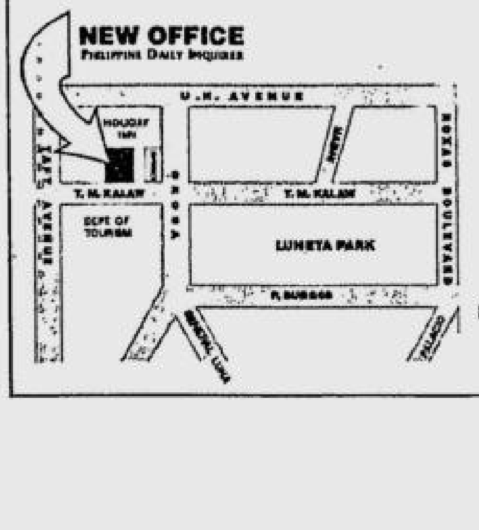

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DEATH NOTICE

MA. PAZ E. REMO

(Mother, Teacher)
of Goa, Camarines Sur

passed away
on February 9, 2007 at the age of 65.

Her body lies in state at their residence on L. Pan St., Goa, Camarines Sur.

Interment will be on February 16, 2007 at the Goa Catholic Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Goa Catholic Church.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

Lovingly Remembered, So Sadly Missed

On his

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

DR. BENEDICTO P. RIVERA †

Fellow, Philippine College of Surgeons
Fellow, Philippine Board of Surgery
Fellow, International College of Surgeons
Professor III, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, UST

MAY 6, 1927 - FEBRUARY 12, 2006

MASSES FOR HIM WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

ABBEY OF OUR LADY OF MONSERRAT, MENDIOLA	6:30 AM
ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, RECLAMATION AREA, PASAY CITY	ALL MASSES
CHRIST THE KING, SVD E. RODRIGUEZ, QC	6:00 PM
CHAPEL OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, L. GUINTO ST. MALATE	12 NOON
ESPIRITU SANTO CHURCH, MANILA	6:00 AM
GREENBELT CHAPEL, AYALA CENTER MAKATI	12:15 PM
MALATE CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANILA	6:00 PM
MANILA CATHEDRAL BASILICA, INTRAMUROS	7:30 AM
MARY THE QUEEN PARISH, SAN JUAN	6:00 PM
MINOR BASILICA OF THE BLACK NAZARENE, QUIAPO	6:00 PM
MT. CARMEL SHRINE, QC	6:00 AM
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, QC	6:30 AM
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART, SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE, MAKATI	7 AM & 6 PM
OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH, SAMPALOC	6:00 PM
SANCTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO, FORBES PARK MAKATI	6:00 PM
SAN AGUSTIN CHURCH, INTRAMUROS	7:00 AM
SAN ROQUE PARISH, SAMPALOC	6:30 AM
SAN SEBASTIAN CHURCH, MANILA	6:00 AM
STA. TERESITA PARISH, QC	6:00 AM
ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORIE, MAGALLANES	6:15 AM
ST. ANTHONY SHRINE, SAMPALOC	6:15 AM
ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, MAKATI	6:00 PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT OF PERPETUAL ADORATION, NEW MLA, Q.C.	6:15 AM
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, MAKATI	6:30 AM
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UST SANTISIMO ROSARIO PARISH, ESPAÑA	7:30 AM
CONVENT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS, USA	
PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS, USA	

HIS LOVING WIFE DR. ESTELA NUÑEZ; CHILDREN: DRS. LEAH, BING AND SONNY REBURIANO, DR. CHRISTINE; BENEDICTO JR; FR. ROBERTO S.J.; ATTY. NOELAND BECHIE VIRAY; AND DR. CHRISTIAN; GRANDCHILDREN: RHIA, SAMANTHA, NINA BEATRICE, AND HARLEY DAVIDSON, REQUEST RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED TO PRAY FOR HIS ETERNAL REPOSE.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the loving wife **Leah**, children **Timothy**, **Kevin**, **John** and **Mary** of

Lito Sansano Quimbo

who joined our Creator on January 18, 2007, together with the whole **Quimbo** and **Vera** families would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the relatives and friends who condoled with us, sent flowers, offered Masses and prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of **Lito**.

Let us continue to celebrate his birth to Eternal Life as we remember him in our prayers.

CLASSIFIEDS

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Oriental Negros, through its Bid and Awards Committee (BAC) invites all interested suppliers to apply for eligibity and to bid for the following project:

Name of Contract : Comprehensive Computerization of the Oriental Negros Provincial Health Management Information System
Scope of Work : Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the system inclusive of hardware, software, civil works, users training, administrator technology, and transfer training.
Approved Budget : P40,707,875.00 inclusive of VAT
Contract Duration : 120 days from Notice to Proceed

Bidding will be open and competitive using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria. Prospective bidders must possess the necessary permits, experience, track record, key personnel and financial capacity to do the project.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Screening, Bid Security, Bid Evaluation and Post-Qualification and Award shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules.

The schedule of BAC activities:

1. Issuance of Bid Documents	February 12-March 5, 2007
2. Pre-Bid Conference	February 20, 2007
3. Closing & Opening of Bids	March 6, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.
4. Award	March 22, 2007
5. Release of Notice to Proceed	On or before March 26, 2007

Eligibility requirements will be issued by the BAC Secretariat upon the payment of P500.00 with the Provincial Treasurers Office, while the complete set of Bid documents can be purchased by prospective interested bidders upon payment of P8,000.00.

The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Governors Office, Mezzanine and the Bid Opening at the General Services Office. Other information maybe obtained from the BAC Secretariat at tel. No. 422-8895.

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any or all bids; make an award nor assure responsibility to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expense incurred in the preparation of their bids.

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ASCEND Mindanao

(Assistance for the Comprehensive Educational Development of Mindanao)

ASCEND Mindanao, an implementing partner of the USAID-funded EQuALLS (Education Quality and Access to Learning and Livelihood Skills) project that seeks to increase access to quality basic and livelihood skills education among children and youth in the poorest, conflict-affected areas of Mindanao, is urgently seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

School-Community Mobilization/ School-Based Management Specialist

(Code: ASCEND SCM/SBM Specialist)

The SCM/SBM Specialist will report to the ASCEND Mindanao Program Director and will be based in Davao City, with frequent travel and stay in ASCEND Mindanao focus municipalities in Maguindanao, Sulu, Zamboanga del Sur, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat/South Cotabato. His/Her key duties and responsibilities include:

1. Lead in the development of processes for ASCEND Mindanao to interface with DepEd school improvement planning and school-based management initiatives while ensuring the strong participation of various school-community stakeholders
2. Work with existing child-focused/education-focused local governance structures (LCPCs, local development councils, Sangguniang Kabataan, Local School Boards, etc.) to generate sustained local support for EQuALLS/ ASCEND Mindanao innovations
3. Facilitate community mobilization processes with partner municipalities, DepEd divisions and districts to identify priority initiatives that require EQuALLS/ASCEND Mindanao assistance
4. In tandem with field-based ASCEND Mindanao staff, work with community-based education stakeholders—including DepEd officials and personnel, municipal and barangay officials, PTCAs, pupils, ALS learners, out of school youth groups, etc.—to ensure their active engagement in project planning, implementation and assessment/evaluation
5. Design and deliver capacity building and community mobilization modules to facilitate stakeholder participation in/ contribution to learning and livelihood improvements
6. Lead in designing processes for the provision of small school improvement grants to partner public schools and pilot madaris
7. Coordinate with other EQuALLS implementing partners/public-private alliances so that identified school-community learning priorities can be matched with other EQuALLS programs
8. Coordinate with other basic education assistance projects operating in Mindanao to ensure complementation of EQuALLS interventions with those of other programs or agencies

Minimum Qualifications:

1. At least six years' experience in community development/community mobilization, basic education project management, capacity building and LGU advocacy
2. Experience in Mindanao education, particularly in the public basic education sector, Alternative Learning System (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) system and madrasah system, preferred
3. Has developed a network of contacts within the Mindanao DepEd system, LGUs, and community development/NGO circles
4. Familiarity with RA 9155/Governance in Basic Education, school-based management, school improvement planning, Education for All (EFA) and community mobilization in support of education issues an advantage
5. Holds a Master's degree in education or community development, or equivalent experience
6. Computer literate and adept in the use of MS Office software (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
7. Excellent oral and written communication skills
8. Ability to work effectively with a variety/all levels of community partners
9. A team player, willing to work long hours toward the attainment of project objectives and deliverables

Education Team Leader

(Code: ASCEND ETL - Sulu)

The Program Team Leader is responsible for the over-all program implementation in a given geographical area. He/she executes program directions, strategies and priorities as defined under the ASCEND/EQuALLS 2 Project in the assigned coverage. He/she supervises the Program Coordinator providing clear program targets for the team. He/she is responsible for effectively motivating supervisee and enhancing knowledge and skills level for effective program implementation. The Education Team Leader is also responsible for supervising the effective implementation of sponsorship activities and its respective coverage.

A. PROGRAMMING
1. Organization and Development. Assists in the identification of potential areas and organizations / agencies to be targeted as program areas and partners for program implementation; Coordinates all major ASCEND/ EQuALLS and sector activities between the concerned staff and supervisee; Ensures that identified projects and initiatives are in line with the program direction, goals of EQuALLS 2; Responsible for area planning, monitoring and evaluation of program and project activities in the assigned area; Ensures coverage of sponsorship population under the program and project implementation and sector activities; Participates in team meetings in continuously defining elements of community strategies and objectives.
2. Training and Education. Plans, prepares, coordinates continuing education/skills enhancement of Program Coordinators and community partners.
3. Monitoring and Evaluation. Conduct regular monitoring of program and project implementation by Program Coordinator and community partners ; Submit regular accomplishment report of the team (against targets set under the programs and sectors)

B. NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP
1. Partnering Strategy. Oversee the implementation of the partnering strategy for sponsorship program implementation and assist in the resolution of issues and concerns on said approach.
2. Relationship. Develop and maintain harmonious working relationship with partners, government agencies and other groups in covered area
3. Representation. Represent the organization, as assigned, to government, other NGO aggregations/coalition
4. Advocate proven program strategies and best practices for upscale and institutionalization among LGUs and other partners.

C. RESEARCH, DATA MANAGEMENT, DOCUMENTATION
1. Community profile and baseline. Responsible for the establishment of community profile and baseline, in area covered, and cause the timely updating of the same.
2. Program documentation. Identify significant program experiences and recommend for documentation.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes
By email: HR_Recruitment@savechildren.org (please indicate respective position code)
By mail – Save the Children Federation, Inc.
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Health/ Population/ Nutrition Manager

(Code: HPN Manager)

A senior position reporting to the Deputy Country Director for Program Development and Support of the Philippines Country Office, to manage a core sector program of Save the Children - Health / Population / Nutrition (HPN). The HPN Manager is responsible for providing overall direction to the health, population and nutrition efforts of the Philippines Country Office and leads a team of sector coordinators, specialists, and consultants under Save the Children's Sectoral Program Initiatives Team (SPRINT). The HPN Manager liaises between Save the Children and its partner agencies for health initiatives and also provides technical assistance to these partner agencies. The HPN Manager provides direction to resource generation in this sector and coordinates efforts in pursuing funding opportunities.

Key responsibilities:

1. Provide technical direction and inputs for programming and decision-making on the HPN sector
2. Prepare and see through successful awarding of project proposals to funding agencies or other Save the Children offices,
3. Provide technical support and direction for the HPN sector specialists in various program areas; promote synergy and collaboration in program design and implementation efforts on grants and sponsorships of the organization
4. Champion replicability and scalability of successful Save the Children prototypes and initiatives; document experiences in sectoral programming for publication, education and training, and technical presentation to local and international audience or for circulation among special groups

Geographical Coverage: Based in Metro Manila; will require regular travel to program areas in Iloilo and Mindanao.

Competencies: Strong leadership and management skills; Previous relevant experience in an international NGO preferred; Doctor of Medicine or Bachelor's degree in related discipline; Ten or more years program development experience; Demonstrated training and research skills; Demonstrated effective and fluent written, oral and presentation communication in English; Computer literacy; Professional work experience in a multi-cultural work a plus. Save the Children builds on the following competencies: Developing others; Relationship building; Collaboration, Teamwork, Ability to influence others, Self management; Innovation, Problem-solving, Judgment, and Initiative

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- Account Management
- Participation in marketing initiatives/events

REQUIREMENTS:

- Male/Female, 21 to 30 years old
- Candidate must possess at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in Business Studies/Advertising/Management, Sales & Marketing, or equivalent
- Highly motivated, a team player, with good communication, negotiation and presentation skills, thrives under pressure and can work with minimal supervision
- Applicants must be willing to work in Makati City and do field work
- Preferably has at least 1 year experience in Corporate Sales/Advertising/Publication

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The Sales Manager will be directly responsible in monitoring and developing sales and business strategies. He/she is also responsible in managing account executives and in meeting sales team objectives.

- Develop effective advertising and events packages
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- Monitor performance of Account Executives (AEs)
- Conduct coaching and facilitate training sessions with AEs
- Prospect new local and international business opportunities
- Ensure Sales Quota of the team is achieved

REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate of Marketing, Advertising or any business course
- At least 3 years Management/Sales experience
- Articulate and possess exceptional presentation skills
- Computer literate
- Strong leadership and business sense to train and manage a sales team
- Creative in formulating sales strategies
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CIRCULATION MANAGER

The Circulation Manager will be directly responsible for the distribution of magazines to outlets, retailers, distributors nationwide and ensures that delivery deadlines are strictly met within budget and quality standards.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate of Marketing, Management or any business related course
- Computer literate
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GRAPHIC ARTIST

The Graphic Artist will have the responsibility of conceptualizing designs for his/her respective magazine title/department. He/she will be working closely with the Editorial Staff and Creative Director.

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PRINT PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The Print Production Assistant will be directly involved in the scheduling, organization, supervision, monitoring and approval of the publication of the company's titles and projects, and assist the Print Production Supervisor in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities.

- single, 20-31 years old, college graduate
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4. Account Executive
- **Male /female, not more than 30 years of age**
- **graduate of Marketing or Business related courses must have excellent presentation, negotiation and communication skills**
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- Industrial Engineering or Accounting graduate
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- Fluency in Fookien for Binondo Business Center

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(For Trust Marketing – Head Office and Branches)

- With at least three (3) to five (5) years banking experience in sales and marketing, preferably with deposit portfolio
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- Not more than 40 years old

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- Graduate of Business Administration, Business Management, Finance, Economics or Accountancy
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- Male
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- Thorough knowledge of the remittance transaction flow specifically in the various front-end and back-end channels in the areas of marketing and operations
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- Must be willing to go on foreign assignment

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(For Remittance and Trust)

- Graduate of Business Administration, Business Management, Finance, Economics or Accountancy
- Preferably a CPA, if Accounting graduate
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- For Trust, should be knowledgeable in accounting procedures and principles preferably gained from a bank

CREDIT INVESTIGATION AND APPRAISAL HEAD (CIA-02-07)/CREDIT RISK MANAGERS (CRM-02-07)

- Graduate of Accounting, Business Management, Finance or Economics
- Masteral degree / CPA licensure would be an advantage
- *For Credit Investigation and Appraisal Head:*
  - At least five (5) years experience in managerial capacity in supervising a large number of staff
  - Technically proficient in credit investigation and appraisal / valuation work
  - A self-starter; prepared to break barriers and use fresh ideas to solve problems or enhance efficiency and productivity
- *For Credit Risk Managers:*
  - At least three (3) years experience in conducting thorough credit evaluation, risk analysis, preparation of spreadsheets primarily involving medium to large corporations and financial institutions
  - With experience in supervising people

CREDIT REVIEW OFFICERS (CRO-02-07)

- Graduate of Business Administration, Business Management, Finance, Economics or Accountancy
- At least two (2) years of credit review or audit experience in a financial institution
- Familiar with credit lending process

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- Psychology, Behavioral Science or Human Resources Management graduate
- At least three (3) years experience in recruitment
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Please send your resume (with position code indicated at the upper right hand corner),
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HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
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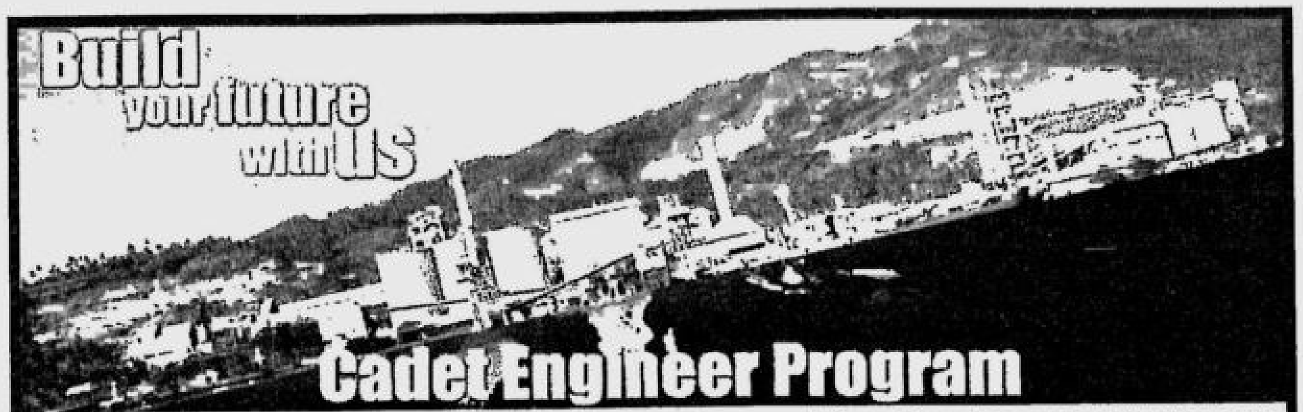

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- You must preferably live near Teresa, Bulacan, Batangas or Iligan, or be willing to live in those areas.

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- Six to eight years of progressively responsible, professional level experience in private health care institutions or health related commercial activities, at least five years of which, is on marketing of services and products.
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The ideal candidate must possess the following qualifications:

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- excellent command of written and oral English with the ability to write activity reports
- strong interest in development work
- well-organized
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- Knowledge of computer required (Windows 98, MS Word, Excel, Lotus, Access)
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- 1-2 years experience
- Good communication, mentoring and leadership skills

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- Graduate of B.S. Psychology / Behavioral Science
- 1-2 years work experience in counseling and client interventions
- Good communication and analytical skills

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Due to urgency of our requirements, applicants are requested to hand-carry their credentials to our **HRD DEPARTMENT c/o TEY PASCUAL at Alabang-Zapote Rd., cor. San Jose Village, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.** You may also e-mail your resume at **hrd_tuloy@yahoo.com.** For inquiries you may call at **(02) 775-04-84 to 85.**

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Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Management, Information Technology or related discipline.
Strong knowledge of software development life cycle and methodologies.
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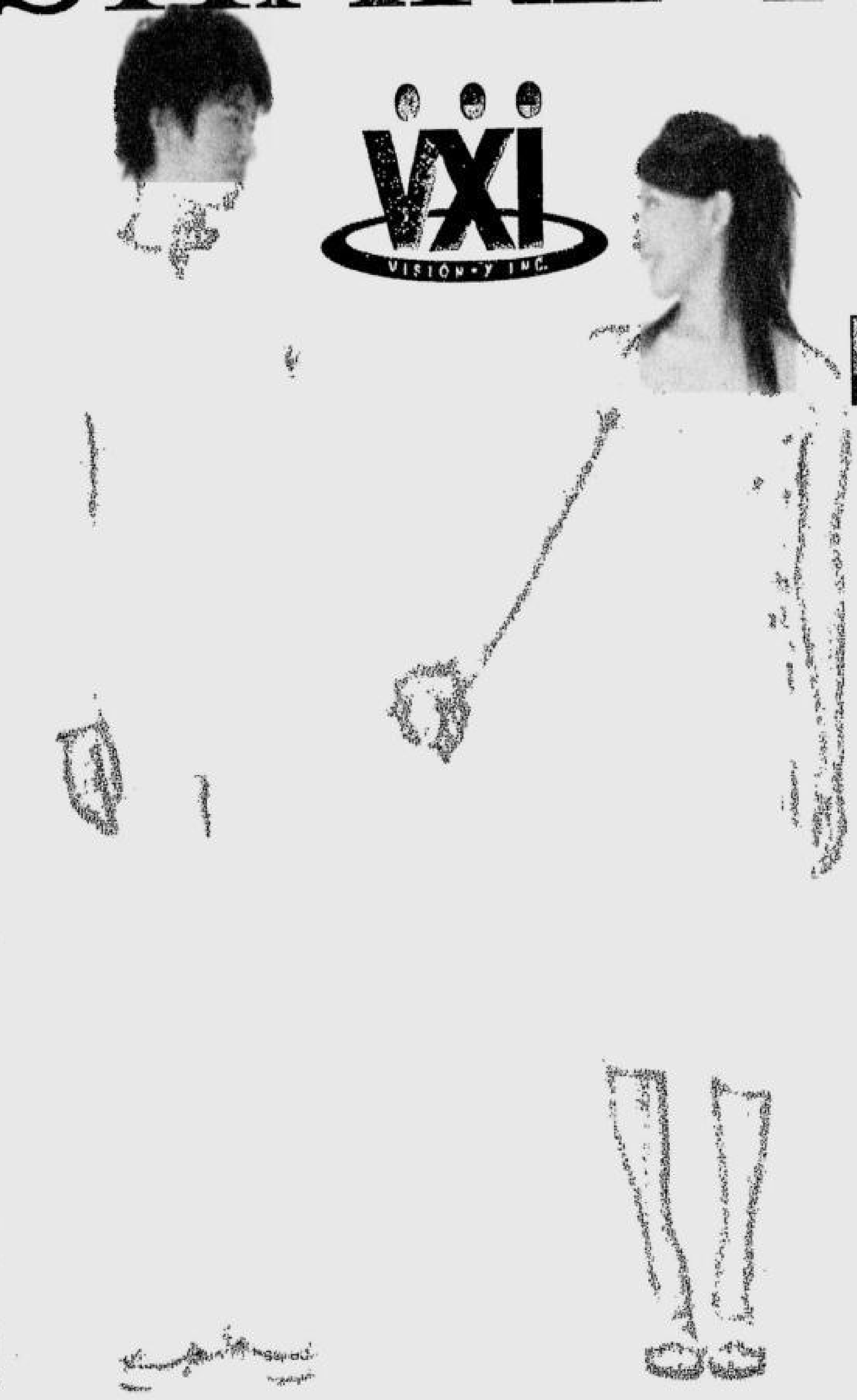

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VACANCY NO: FT-2007-01
DATE ISSUED: 11 February 2007
CLOSING DATE: 23 February 2007

POST TITLE : Programme Associate
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT : Fixed-Term
LEVEL : ICS 7
OFFICE & LOCATION : Programme Unit (Peace and Development)

I. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall direction and immediate guidance of the Portfolio Manager, the Programme Associate performs programme management tasks, including participation in programme design/development , implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The post requires technical and administrative services related to programme activities that support UNDP priorities and initiatives on peace-building and conflict prevention.

1. *Technical Support to Portfolio Programme Development*
   1.1. *Programme Design and Development*
   - Draft documents including Preparatory Assistance Documents (PA) and Programme/Project Documents (ProDocs);
   - Provide inputs to project work plans, output benchmarks and indicator systems;
   - Prepare reports and collect, organize and analyze data, statistics and other information relevant to programme-specific initiatives;
   - Review lessons learned and best practices from programme/project implementation to recommend possible alternative approaches to new programme/project design;
   - Coordinate and discuss technical issues and concerns at counterpart level (UNDP; government offices; non-governmental organizations; donor agencies, private sector) towards approval of programme proposals and documents.

   1.2. *Programme Implementation*
   - Guide/manage wholly or in part, as delegated by the Portfolio Manager, routine portfolio tasks and programme implementation activities;
   - Ensure the preparation of the Annual Work Plan (AWP) and administer the Enterprise Resource Programme (ERP)/ATLAS for the portfolio;
   - Prepare programme reports and documents for submission to UNDP (country, regional and headquarters);
   - Provide appropriate advise to executing/implementing agencies and Programme Management Offices (PMOs) on UNDP policies and procedures for programmes/projects under National Execution (NEX) modality;
   - Review PMO and other project-related reports to ensure compliance with donor requirements; and
   - Participate in portfolio or programme-related meetings.

   1.3. *Monitoring & Evaluation*
   - Maintain effective monitoring and feedback systems.
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   1.4. *Strategic Partnerships*
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   - Assist in resource mobilization and in monitoring/follow-through of pipeline projects;
   - Assist in the design and packaging of proposals and briefing materials for donors and programme contributors;
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   - Ensure effective portfolio financial monitoring and feedback system/ mechanisms.
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   - Ensure that consultancy database of consultants, terms of reference and workplans and proposals is maintained.

4. *Other Tasks*
   - In the absence of (or together with) the Portfolio Manager, participate in portfolio related meetings, group discussions and conferences; and
   - Provide support in organizing national and international missions, meetings and conferences of portfolio-related activities; and
   - Perform other tasks as may be assigned.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
- Bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences, Public Administration, Development Management, or related field; Master's degree an advantage
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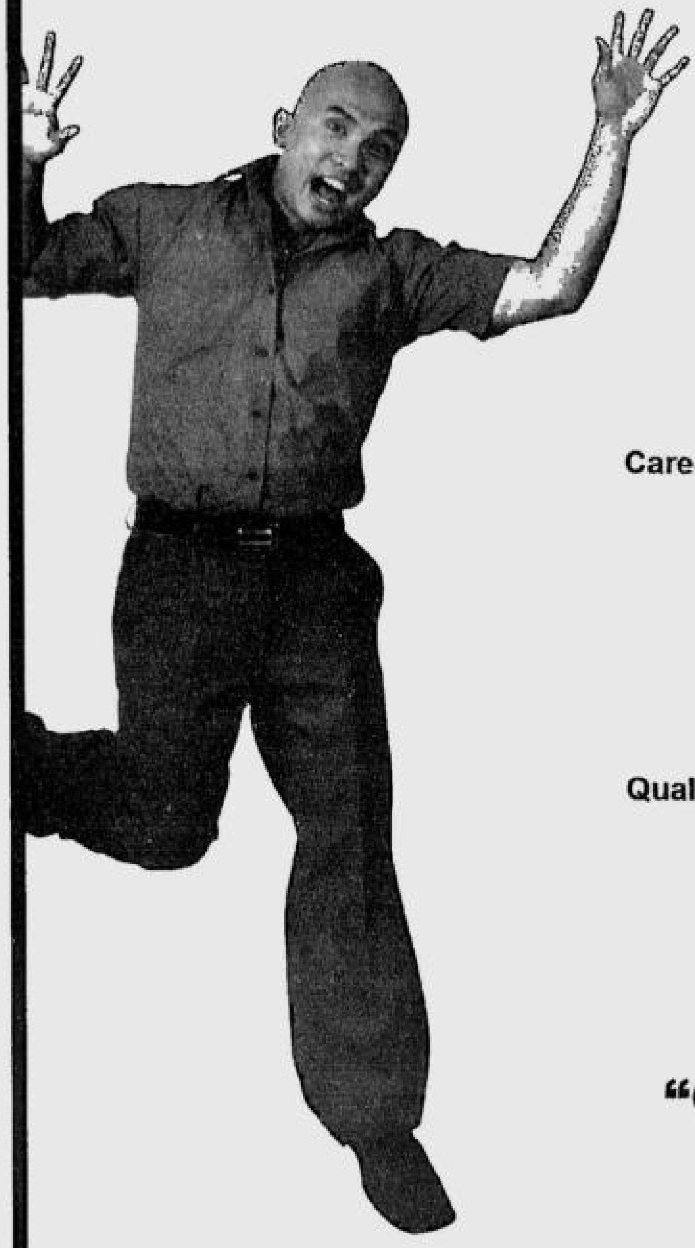

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By Aya V. Jallorina
Contributor

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Companies these days would not guarantee a lifelong employment. Longevity is out.

Even with protection from the Labor Code on the provisions of security of tenure, companies can legally terminate people citing valid causes such as business losses, redundancy or necessary retrenchment. You can also be dropped like a hot potato after three months, six months or less (depending on your contract) for not meeting the company's standards based on the evaluation of one person, usually your supervisor at work.

Ever heard the plight of casual and contractual employees in department stores, retail stores and fast food chains being hired from three to six months only, never tasting the perks of becoming a regular employee?

Some human resource managers I've talked to admitted this "management prerogative/policy" is being carried out to save company money as regularizing an employee means increased salary, benefits and accountability on the part of the employer.

If a company would not secure your career, what can you do to create your own job security?

1. Become psychologically self-employed. Approach work as if you were self-employed and stay professionally up-to-date. Know that the only thing your employer guarantees you, besides your 15-30 paycheck, is an opportunity to solve problems and a chance to learn other interests. Therefore, consider yourself loosely affiliated with your company.

Remind yourself that while it is true you work for somebody else, first and foremost, you work for yourself. If you begin to see yourself this way, you create your own strategies on how to manage your career responsibly.

2. Trash self-defeating attitudes. Avoid acting out your anger about, say, change in contracts by saying, "If I can't count on job security, then to heck with working so hard!" That is a self-defeating attitude. Continue being committed to your job without being consumed (you are committed because you believe it's the right approach to working, not because you are expecting a positive turnaround down the road.)

If the company can't give you good reason for working, figure it out yourself. Apply the WIIFM (what's in it for me) attitude and put it to good use.

3. Exercise your own well-honed judgment. Companies no longer subscribe to that old technique of hiring people who wait for orders. Today, the operative word is "initiative." Have initiative and self-motivation to do things. Don't just sit there, find a need and fill it. Better still, imagine a need, create it and fill it.

4. Nurture your employability. Companies these days are looking for productive, creative, flexible, versatile individuals and those committed to the company's business and causes. To be able to meet these requisites, continually enhance your capability to hold that job by delivering what traditionally most companies require of their employees. Magnify these with your own innovative job ideas and doable project proposals.

5. Have your own identity. Many of us employees delight in introducing ourselves as an employee of this and that company. Nothing wrong except that it is an indication of the degree to which we rely on that organization or company for our identity, self-esteem and self-worth. Claim a new identity, one that reflects your own accomplishments, not your association with a known firm, one that allows you to derive your self-esteem from who you are and what you do rather than who you work for. Just say, "I'm a human resources manager and I am responsible for hiring qualified people for a particular job." This introduction will teach people who you are and what you do.

Your self-esteem comes from your own skills more than from basking in the reflected glory of your well-known employer. This new identity will give you the feeling of independence as people direct their attention to your talents and away from your title.

6. Develop an outside source of income. Got any special skills? Make money out of it. If you can squeeze in a few extra hours for other work like teaching, speaking, consulting, writing, then you have a fallback. The amount of money you earn from other income sources is not what counts. The important thing is you know that you have other skills and that you can count on these skills when the employment world turns its back on you.

7. As teenagers often say, get a life. Yes, it is important to look for life outside your company. Allot a few hours of your time to yourself. Decide what other activities will bring you the most career security and personal growth you crave. Enroll in a health club for physical well-being. Enhance your spirituality. Join social service clubs, sports clubs, the like. Or volunteer and interact with a diverse group of people. These things can be uplifting. *(Feedback at legalese_aya@yahoo.com)*

Gospel. Luke 6: 17, 20-26

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Fortune-teller

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB

SOME PEOPLE MAKE A LIVING BY FORTUNE-TELLING—PREDICTING the good things to come to a person who asks for it by "looking" into the future through a crystal ball, deck of cards or other paraphernalia. They get paid by or receive favors from the "clients" who would trust in the "readings" which would promise the latter happiness and well-being. The presence of these fortune-tellers in many places and societies and in various periods of human history could make us ponder about the innate desire in every person for good fortune and success, for a good and happy life not only at this present moment but also in the future and even beyond the boundaries of time.

Jesus is also one of those who tell people and every person about the good fortune. He tells the truth and nothing but the truth about the present and the future, not as a means of livelihood but as fulfillment of His mission to be the "way, the truth, and the life" for everyone even if some would not want to listen or like what He is saying and teaching. His words in today's Gospel verse focus for example, would not be welcome by those who expect to become rich, fulfilled and happy since He seems to foretell misfortune and grief to befall on them. But those who are simple and believing in Him would be joyful to receive His teaching which reveals a much better kind of richness, fulfillment and happiness than those which are human and earthly.

Everyone is looking for a good and better life, either by working hard for it or by simply relying on the favorable turn of the wheel of fortune. Faith in Jesus and living and working in His steps could lead one to a sure path of true success, that which is greater than the worldly one. *(E-mail the author at mfvg@skyinet.net)*

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Tapping into power

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

FILIPINO CATHOLICS IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE "LUCKY" IN THAT, BElonging in the majority religion-wise, they can do what they pretty please in terms of pious practices. Other Christians may not be that free in some countries that frown upon even the mention of "God" in their schools, but here we are almost exhibitionistic about our worship, filling even our workplaces with images and statues of our favorite patron saints. (Sometimes people even offer candies to the Sto. Nino who has a miniature "shrine" in their office). So how can we still complain that it's so difficult or even impossible to follow Jesus as we do our work?

It may be hard to understand, for instance, the relevance in our work of the verses above, taken from today's Gospel: *But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.* We might think these words are mysterious or nonsensical and have nothing whatsoever to do with the way we earn our living, but if we would just open or dispose ourselves to receive understanding, we will see their value.

A moment of pure attention is all it takes—while trying to nap after lunch, for example, the silence is enhanced instead of broken by the hum of the air-conditioner or the purring of the aquarium pump, we may be blessed with clarity of perception. What we would otherwise view as unfair or unjust, what could ordinarily drive us to anger, paranoia or regrettable action we can now handle with prudence befitting a believer of God. While we surround ourselves with holy pictures and statues as aids to our imagination and memory of the Divine, let us not forget that God also lives within us. *(E-mail the author at teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)*

Secondhand smoke in the workplace

WASHINGTON—HIGH LEVELS OF secondhand smoke on the job can double nonsmokers' risk of developing lung cancer, and those who inhale it at work long-term face a 50-percent higher risk, researchers said on Wednesday.

Scientists led by epidemiologist Leslie Stayner of the University of Illinois at Chicago combined the results of 22 studies on secondhand smoke conducted in the United States, Canada, Europe, India, Japan and China.

Writing in the American Journal of Public Health, they said that for nonsmokers who were highly exposed to secondhand smoke at work, there was approximately a 100-percent increase in lung cancer risk.

The researchers adopted the previous studies' definitions of high exposure, based on factors like the numbers of smokers present in the workplace and actual amounts of smoke exposure.

Lung cancer risk for nonsmokers exposed for 30 years to secondhand smoke on the job jumped by 50 percent. Nonsmokers exposed to any secondhand smoke in the workplace experienced a 24-percent increased risk that rose based on level and duration of exposure, they said.

"We believe that our study provides the strongest evidence to date that smoking in the workplace does present a substantial risk to workers—and particularly to workers who are working in highly exposed areas such as bar workers or restaurant workers," Stayner said in an interview.

The researchers said a lot of the evidence for an increased lung cancer risk caused by secondhand smoke has come from studies of nonsmokers married to a smoker. Previous studies also had not broken down the increased risk caused by secondhand smoke by level of exposure, they said.

Secondhand smoke, also called passive smoke and environmental tobacco smoke, is smoke from a cigarette, pipe or cigar and smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers that is inhaled by nonsmokers.

In addition to cancer, it has been linked to respiratory problems and asthma in nonsmokers.

Stayner said the findings lend further credence to efforts in many communities in the United States and throughout the world to ban or limit smoking in the workplace.

For example, tighter smoking restrictions take effect this week in France, with bans in offices, stores, schools and hospitals. Cafés, bars and restaurants will have until January 2008 to comply. In cafés and restaurants, smoking will still be permitted in hermetically sealed rooms without any services.

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Dressing better at work can get you promoted

NEW YORK—RUSHING TO MEET deadlines, finish a project and catch a late train home may leave working women tempted to ignore the latest fashions, but paying attention could pay off.

Dressing better at work makes people more productive and more likely to get promoted, according to research echoing common sense advice mothers have passed on for generations.

"In terms of the workplace, I've always said, 'Dress for the job you want, not the one you have,'" said James Aguiar, co-host of Full Frontal Fashion, a program on VOOM HD, a group of high-definition television channels. "I think it's one of the best pieces of advice that you can be given."

More than 90 percent of managers surveyed said a person's style influences his or her chances of promotion.

A third of those managers said on-the-job attire plays a "significant" role in the employee's prospects, according to the survey by OfficeTeam, an administrative staffing service based in Menlo Park, California.

PROMOTE ME!
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"As a young woman working in New York, I used to put on a suit every day because I knew I wasn't going to be somebody's assistant forever," said designer Julie Chaiken, who presents her new collection on Tuesday at New York's Fashion Week, where hundreds of designers unveil their fall looks.

"Some of the other assistants would look at me a little cross-eyed, but I wanted to get ahead. Part of getting ahead was dressing to command the respect that would get me there." According to three-quarters of respondents to a survey by WorkPlace Media direct marketers in Mentor, Ohio, dressing up for work makes employees more productive.

Robert Burke of Robert Burke Associates luxury consultants said people are dressing up more.

"There have been rebellious times when people have purposely dressed down, and it was actually more intellectual and more insightful to dress down than to dress up," he said.

"Now we're seeing people looking more professional today." Women today have more freedom to dress as they like on the job, said fashion designer Tracy Reese who showed her fall collection on Sunday.

"Women have power now. You can wear a dress to work. You don't have to wear some dumb old suit," Reese said. "I think we've earned our place. Now it's okay to look like a woman at work." Almost everyone can feel a change by dressing up for work, and fashion is moving in that direction, said Laura Poretzky, designer of Abaete who showed her new collection on Saturday.

"You feel like a different person when you wear a pair of heels. You feel you're more in power if you're wearing a pencil skirt and a really skinny jacket, as opposed to a peasant dress," she said. "There's a move away from all this girly ... bohemian thing."

Paying attention to whether skirts are short and tight or long and loose this season has its merits, Chaiken said.

"A woman who is very well put-together but looks like she walked out of the mid-80s, people are going to look at her and wonder why," she said.

"If you are dressed to the current fashion, you appear to be paying attention and looking at outside influences, and we all know that outside influences absolutely affect our performances at work."

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5 Catholic school employees receive award

FIVE NON-TEACHING, NON-academic employees of school-members of the Manila Archdiocesan Parochial Schools Association (Mapsa) have been nominated to the "Sedes Sapientiae" Awardee or Seat of Wisdom Awardee for 2006-2007.

Mapsa is an association of 192 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Manila and several other dioceses in nearby cities and provinces. It has about 1,000 non-teaching and nonacademic employees.

The five are Lolita delos Santos of Paco Catholic School, Ernesto Gregorio of Pasig Catholic College, Marietta D.C. Reyes of Colegio San Pascual Baylon, Rodolfo S. Serrano of St. Anthony School and Roman Daonis of Pasig Catholic College.

They were chosen by a panel headed by Manila Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez, which conducted series of interviews of those nominated by the Mapsa school directors. Judging was based on length of service, educational attainment, contribution to the schools they worked for and service to the community where they belong. The nominees are the maintenance staff members, school drivers, canteen personnel, support staff and school nurses.

The award aims to recognize and give value to the silent yet significant contributions made by non-teaching, nonacademic personnel to the successful running of the Catholic educational institutions. It highlights the invaluable service they provide to the school, students, parents, the Church and the community.

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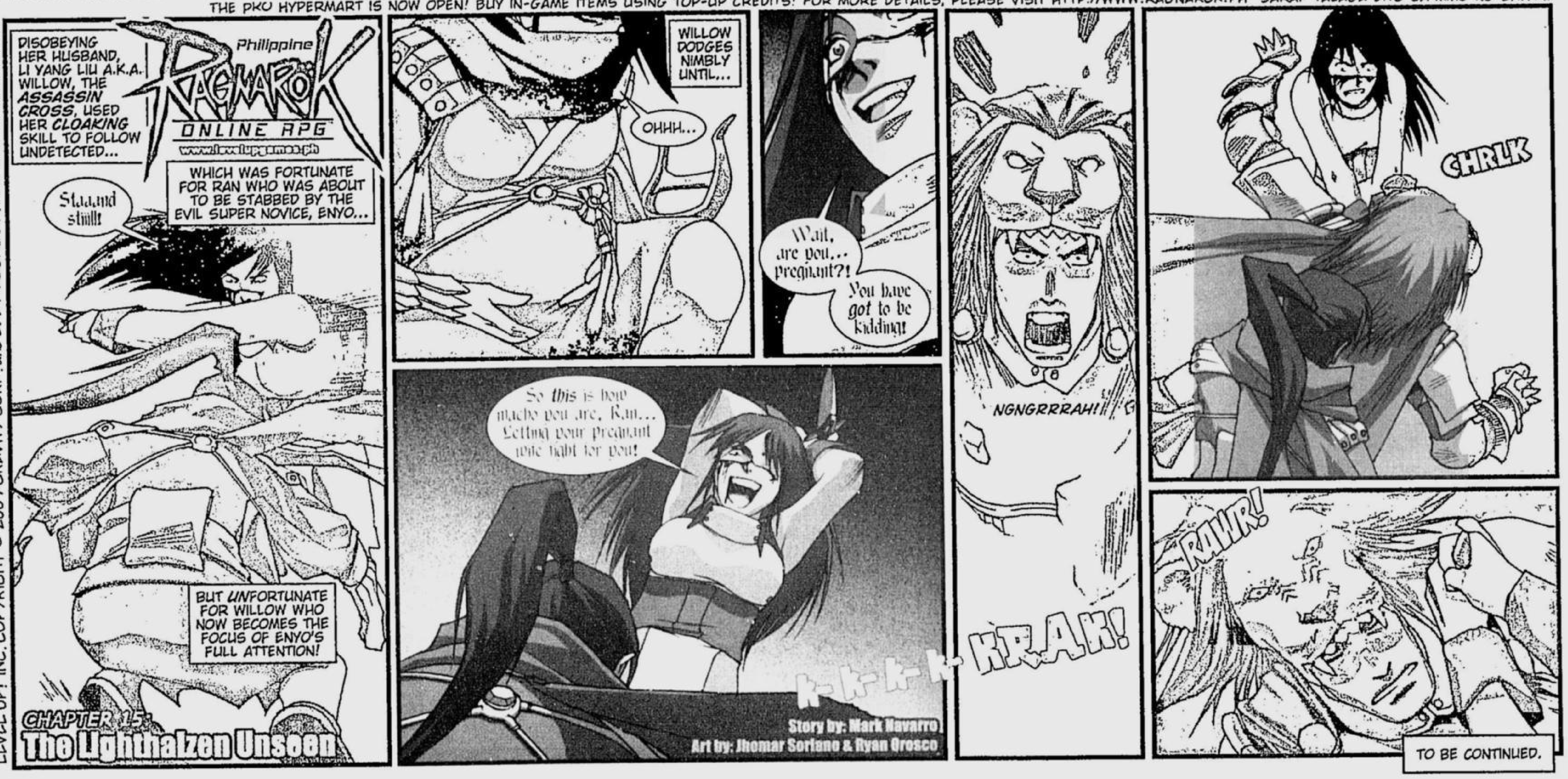
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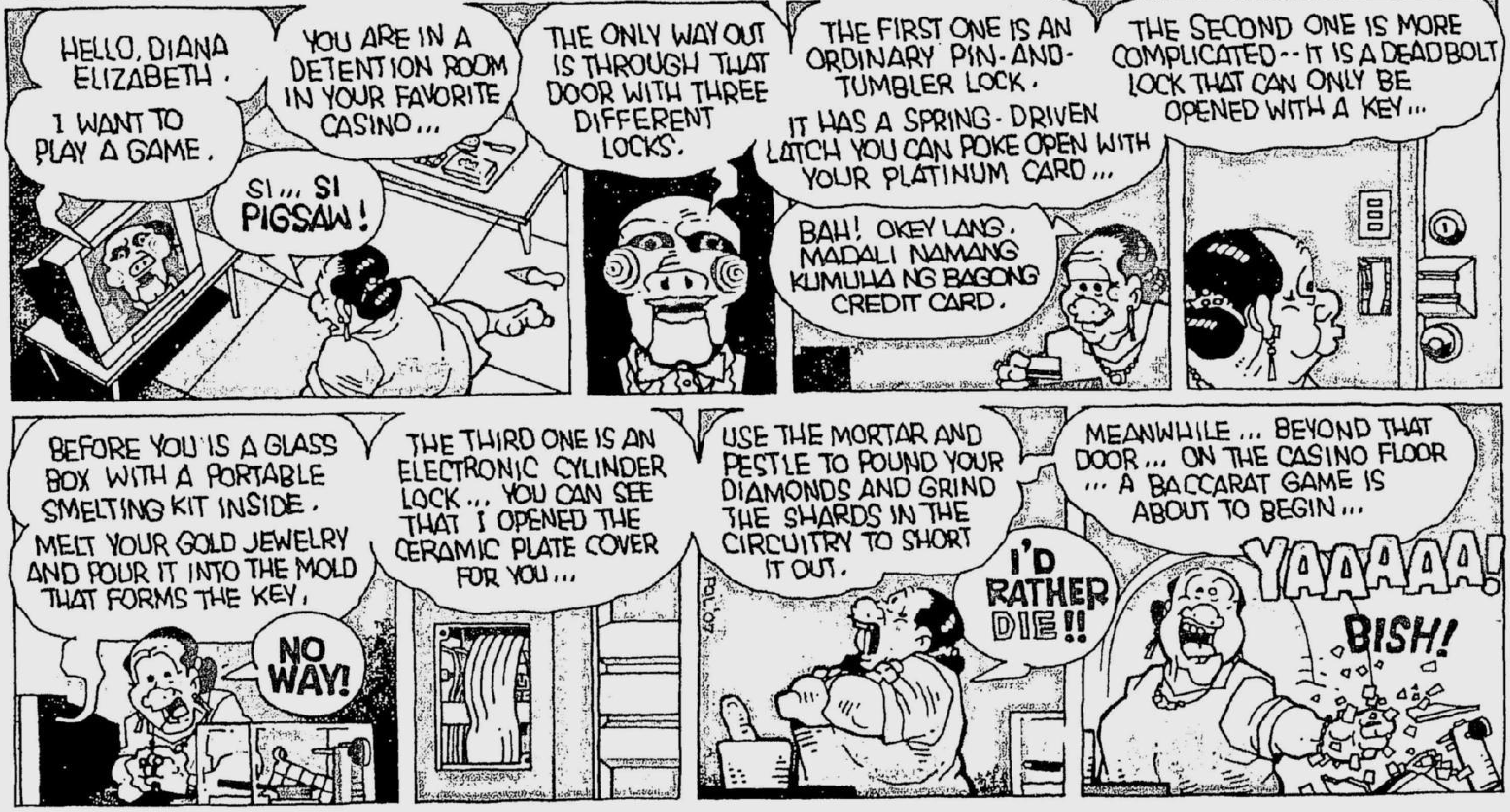
HELLO, DIANA ELIZABETH.
I WANT TO PLAY A GAME.
YOU ARE IN A DETENTION ROOM IN YOUR FAVORITE CASINO...
SI... SI PIGSAW!
THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH THAT DOOR WITH THREE DIFFERENT LOCKS.
THE FIRST ONE IS AN ORDINARY PIN-AND-TUMBLER LOCK.
IT HAS A SPRING-DRIVEN LATCH YOU CAN POKE OPEN WITH YOUR PLATINUM CARD...
BAH! OKEY LANG. MADALI NAMANG KUMUHA NG BAGONG CREDIT CARD.
THE SECOND ONE IS MORE COMPLICATED-- IT IS A DEADBOLT LOCK THAT CAN ONLY BE OPENED WITH A KEY...
BEFORE YOU IS A GLASS BOX WITH A PORTABLE SMELTING KIT INSIDE.
MELT YOUR GOLD JEWELRY AND POUR IT INTO THE MOLD THAT FORMS THE KEY.
NO WAY!
THE THIRD ONE IS AN ELECTRONIC CYLINDER LOCK... YOU CAN SEE THAT I OPENED THE CERAMIC PLATE COVER FOR YOU...
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USE THE MORTAR AND PESTLE TO POUND YOUR DIAMONDS AND GRIND THE SHARDS IN THE CIRCUITRY TO SHORT IT OUT.
I'D RATHER DIE!!
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YAAAAA!
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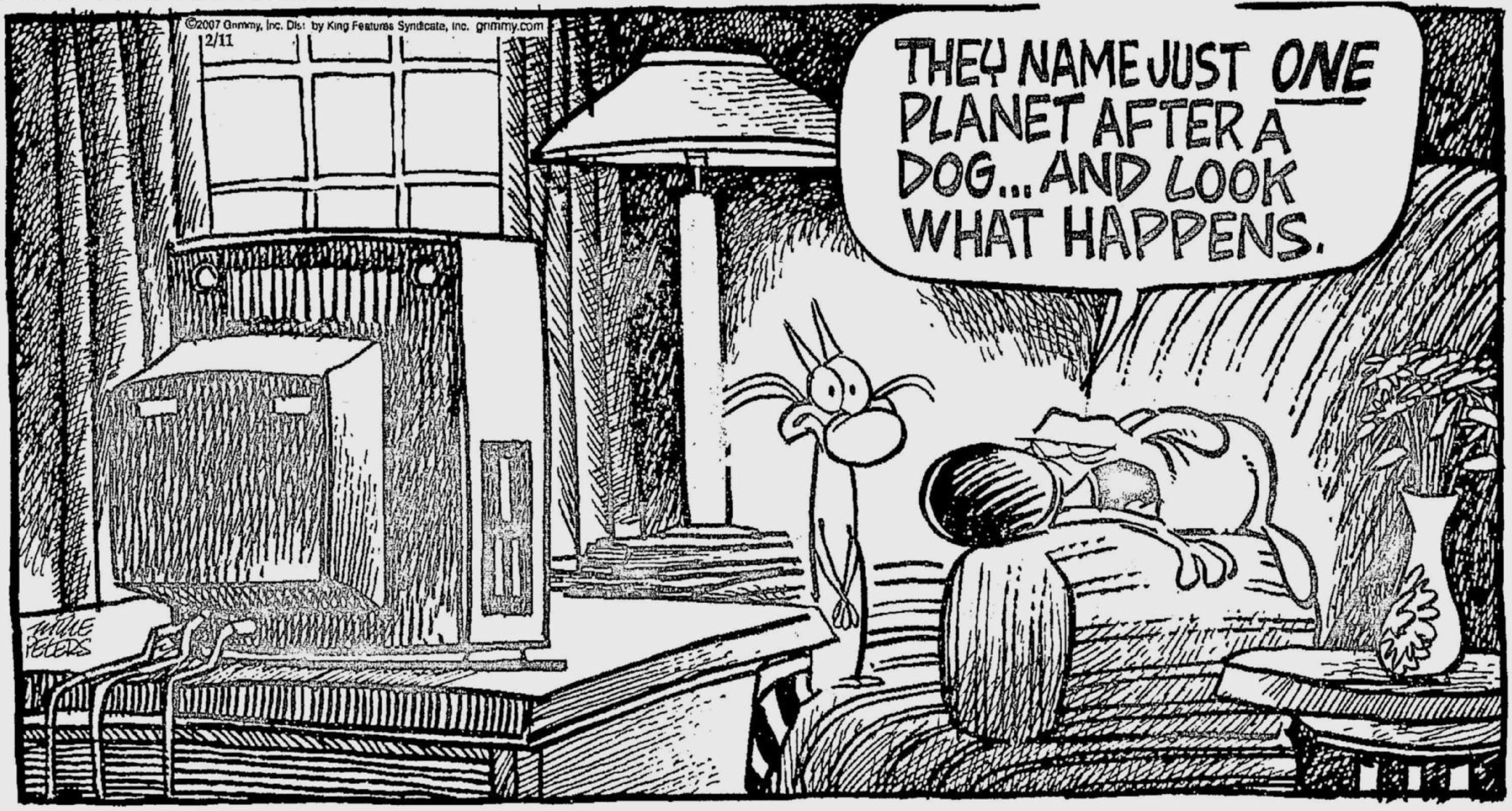
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS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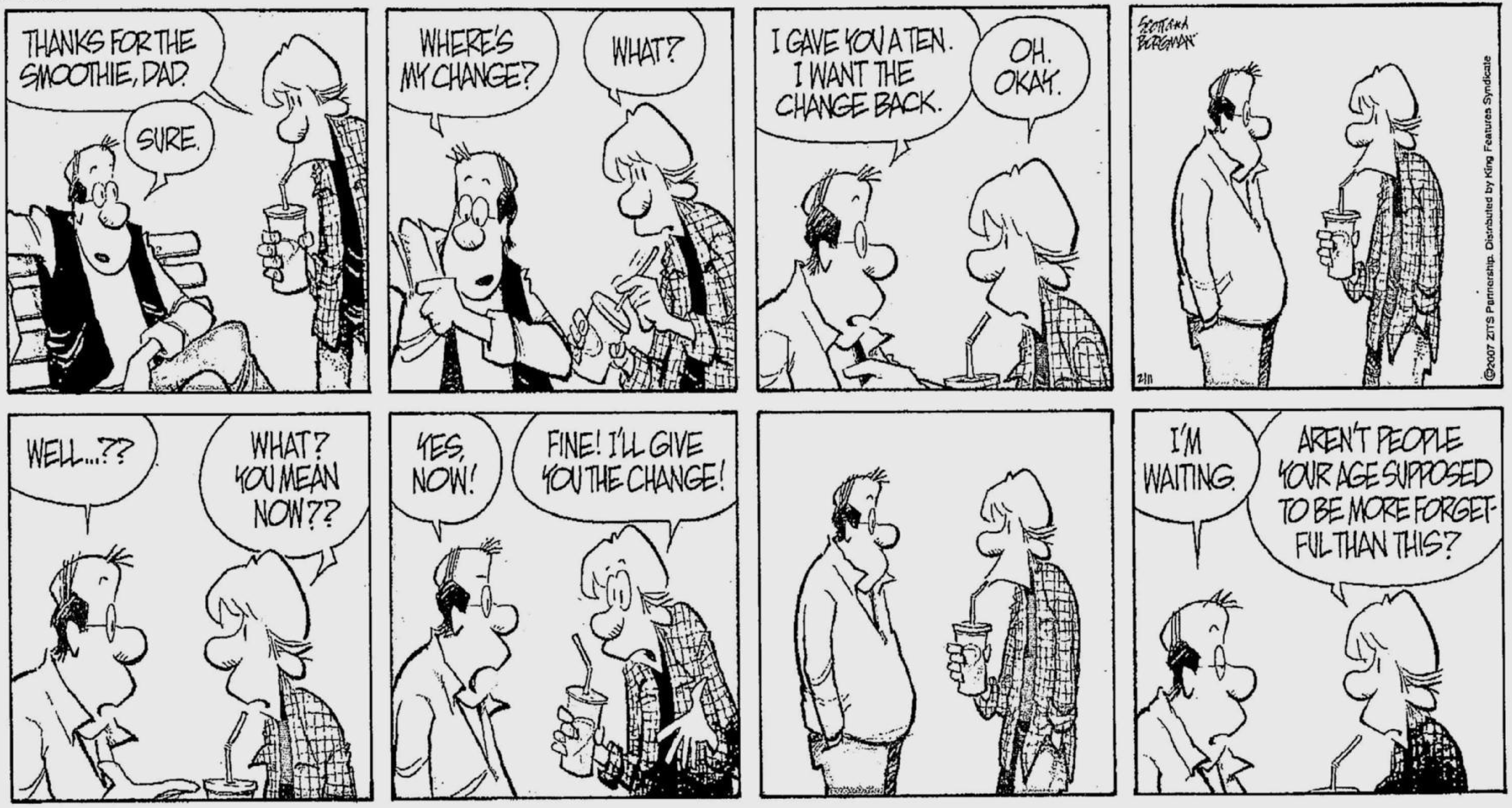
THANKS FOR THE SMOOTHIE, DAD.
SURE.
WHERE'S MY CHANGE?
WHAT?
I GAVE YOU A TEN. I WANT THE CHANGE BACK.
OH. OKAY.
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WELL...??
WHAT? YOU MEAN NOW??
YES, NOW!
FINE! I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANGE!
I'M WAITING.
AREN'T PEOPLE YOUR AGE SUPPOSED TO BE MORE FORGET-FUL THAN THIS?

INDAY WANDA

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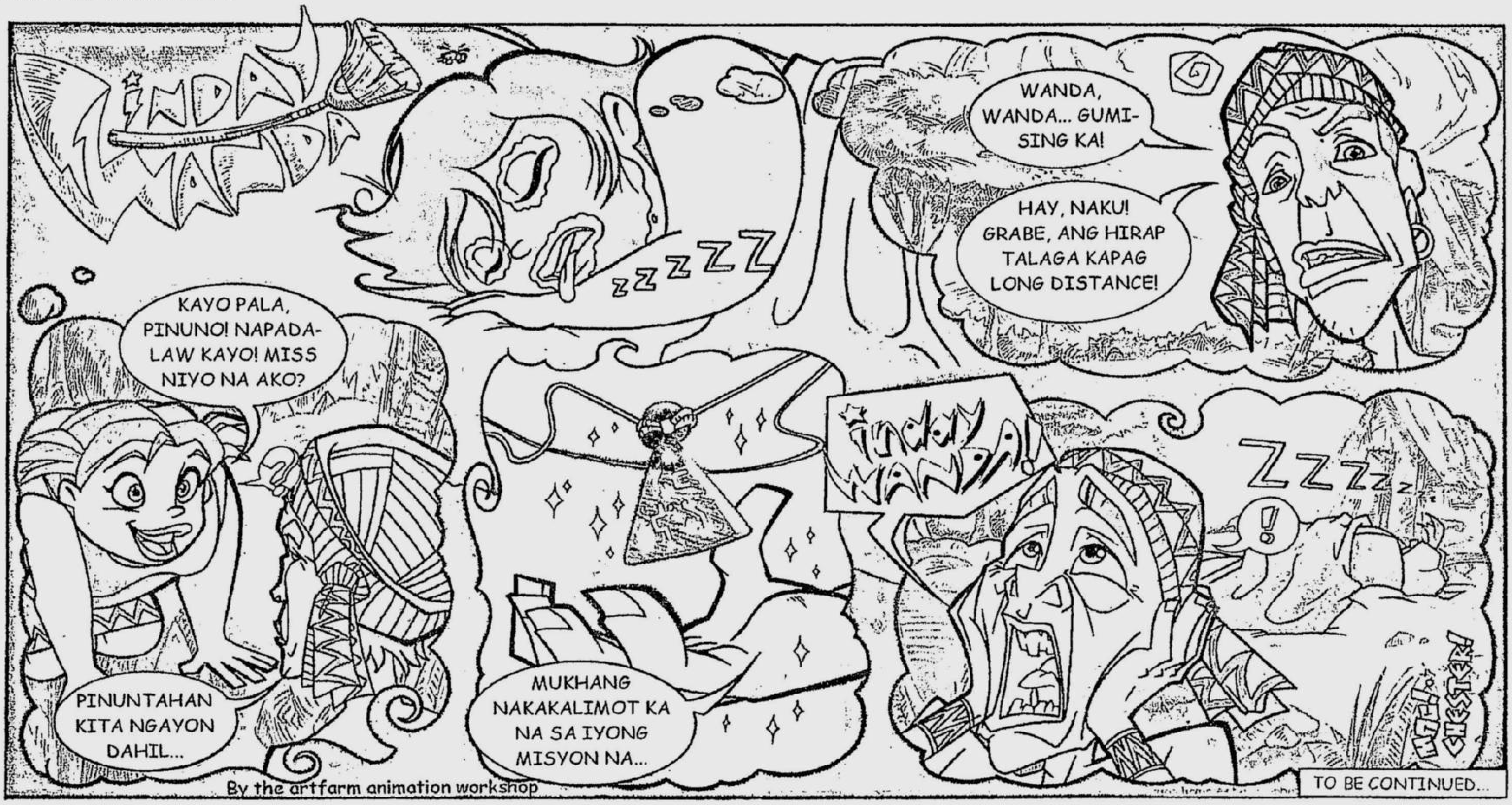
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KAYO PALA, PINUNO! NAPADALAW KAYO! MISS NIYO NA AKO?
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PINUNTAHAN KITA NGAYON DAHIL...
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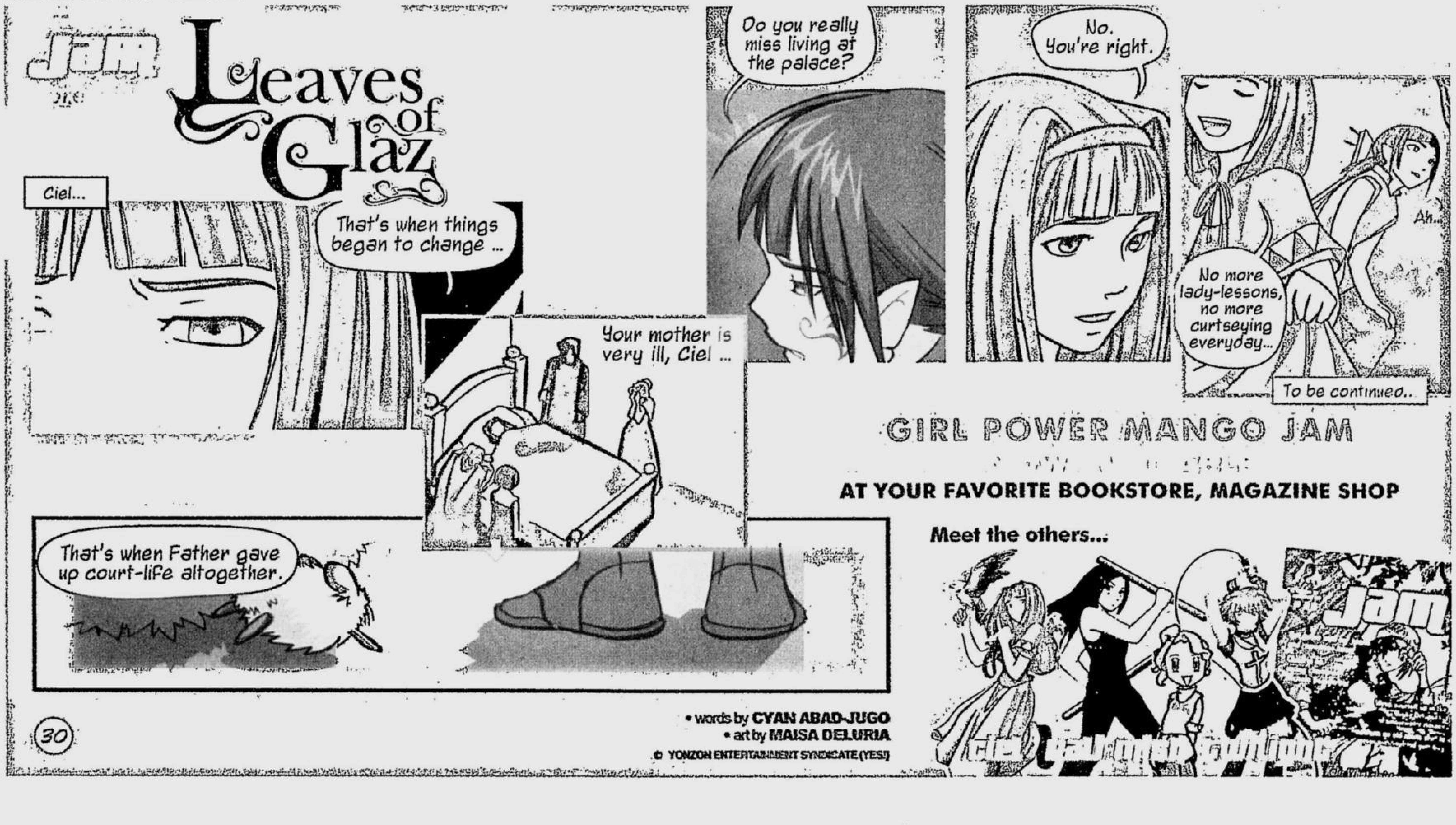
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Leaves of Glaz
Ciel...
That's when things began to change ...
Your mother is very ill, Ciel ...
That's when Father gave up court-life altogether.
Do you really miss living at the palace?
No. You're right.
Ah...
No more lady-lessons, no more curtseying everyday...
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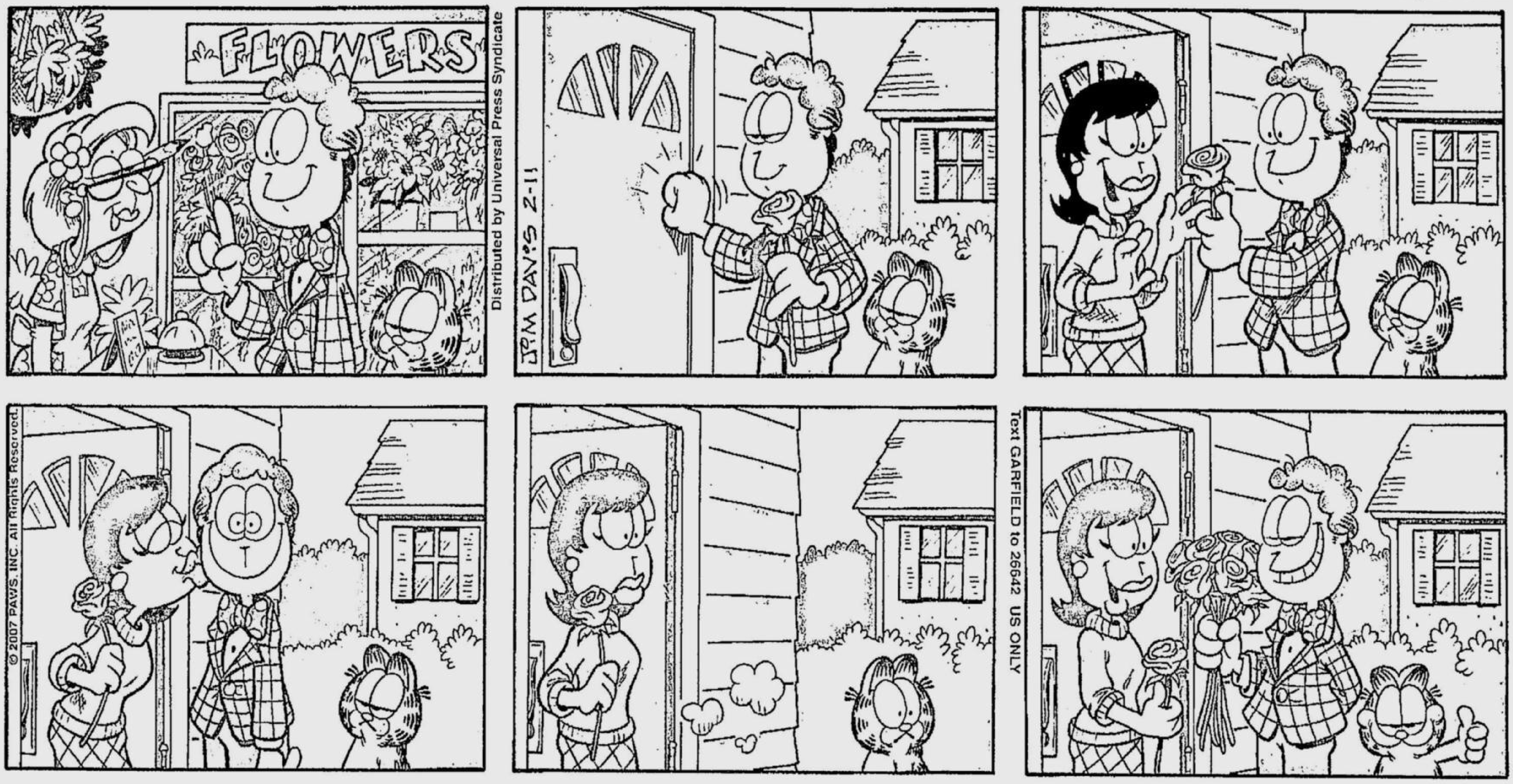
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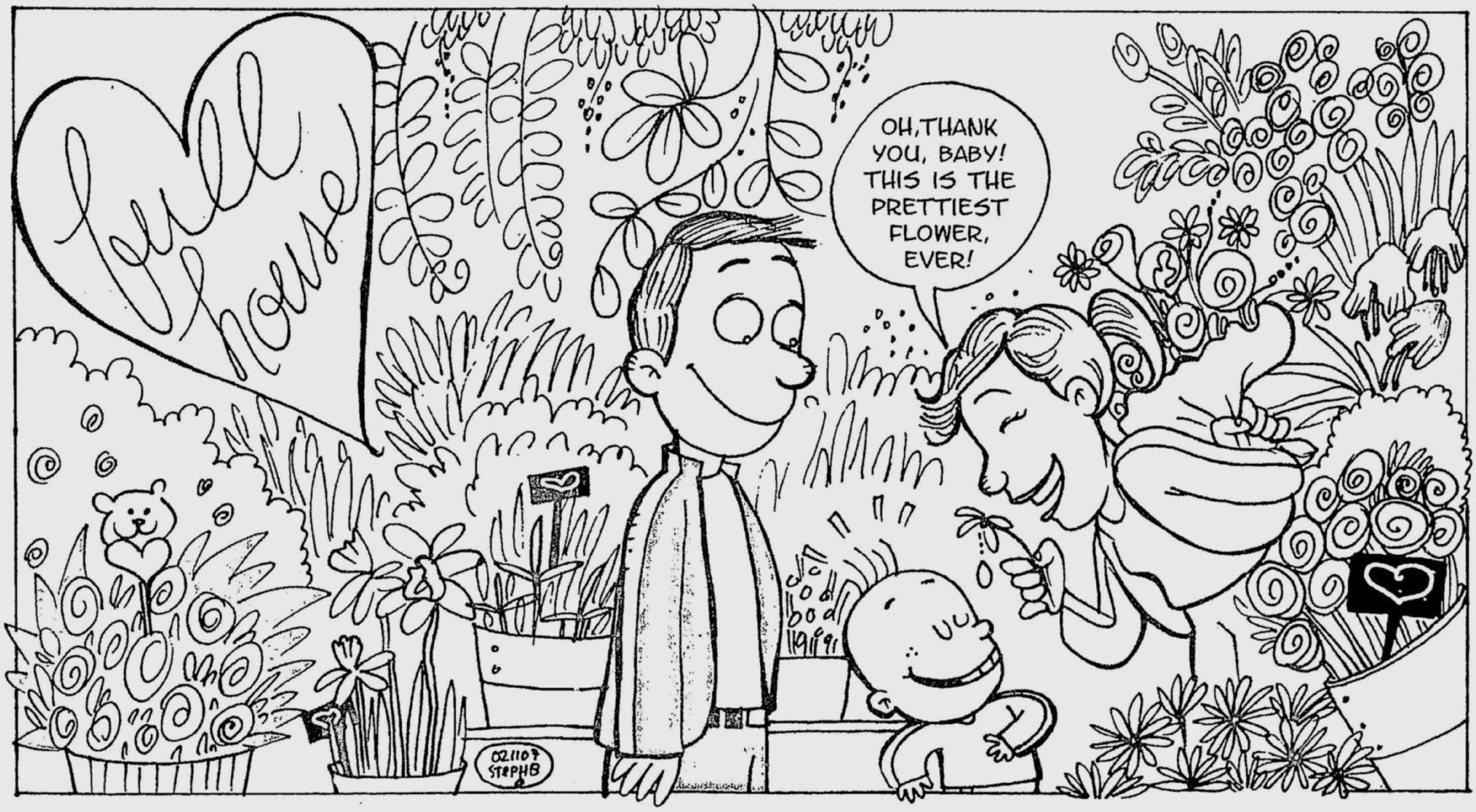
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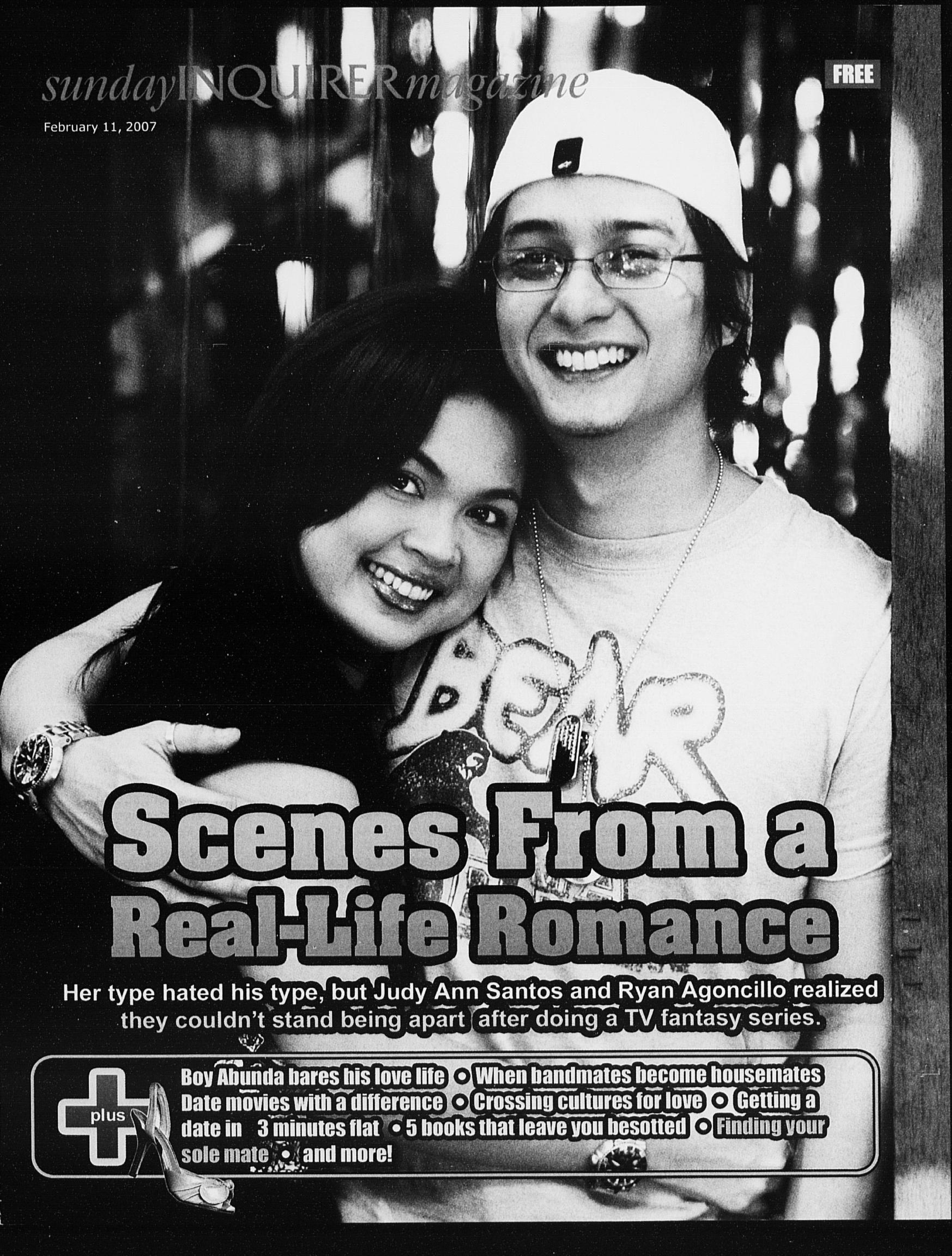

Scenes From a Real-Life Romance

Her type hated his type, but Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo realized they couldn't stand being apart after doing a TV fantasy series.

plus Boy Abunda bares his love life • When bandmates become housemates • Date movies with a difference • Crossing cultures for love • Getting a date in 3 minutes flat • 5 books that leave you besotted • Finding your sole mate • and more!

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Love in the Fast Forward

With Friendster, the chat rooms, single sites and your maiden aunt just waiting to rope in the next guy who turns up that alley, who needs speed dating? Just about every single soul around, says Ferdinand Ong of Six Degrees

Singles anonymous: Ong (center) and other organizers of Speed Dating

A TYPICAL three-minute conversation usually goes like this:
Guy: Hi, I'm Dan.
Gal: Hi! Are you sure you don't have a girlfriend?
Guy: Nah. You in university? Oh, me too! What's your major?
Gal: So what do you usually do for fun?
Guy: So, what sort of movies do you like to watch?
Gal: What's your horoscope?
Guy: I'm Aries. Do you really believe in that stuff? Why don't you tell me more over the phone. My number is...
Gal: And here's mine.

That was how her first speed dating session went, recalls Marina, who is in her early 20s. "My friend had asked me to go with her and I thought, why not? We usually meet guys at parties so it would be good to meet them under different circumstances."

The time limit isn't a turnoff either. "It usually takes long to really get to know a person. But since you have very limited time in speed dating and have to make snap judgments, people have become more upfront about their intentions. And if we don't like them, it's bye in less than five minutes."

But of course she tried her darndest to impress the guys. "My friend even had a small mirror in her pocket and between guys, she would sneak a peek to check her hair." She was not disappointed, Marina declares. "We were spoiled for choice as there were so many nice people to meet." In fact, she adds, all 10 guys were potential matches, with a few becoming actual dates after the session.

Marina is easily one of about 30 other singles who attend Six Degrees' Speed Dating sessions every month. Started in November 2005 by a group of friends who realized they were all still single, Speed Dating took off from the original idea of an international Jewish educational network that wanted to keep Jewish singles from dating outside their religion. The idea was to gather a like number of single men and women in a private room and seat the women in different tables while the guys take turns talking to each woman until the organizer rings a bell. The men then move on to the next table. "Because Pinoys are more shy about opening up, we've limited the face-to-face encounter to three minutes instead of the usual five," says Ferdinand Ong, 28, decidedly single and one of the brains behind Six Degrees.

Like other singles, Ong realized that he and his friends have a difficult time meeting people. Quite a puzzler, considering that there seems to be a glut of singles in the country. Statistics reveal that as of 2000, there are about 25 million single Filipinos who are presumably looking for a mate, or at least, a date. To cash in on what seems to be a global trend, several reality shows have made matchmaking their main theme, among them "Blind Date," "Elimidate" and "Beauty & the Geek." Animax had its "Love is in the Air" celebrity speed dating just yesterday, with heartthrobs Mark Herras, Isabel Oli, Maike Evers and Aiza Marquez thrown in to sweeten every dater's fantasy. And what about the Internet, with Friendster, the chat rooms and single sites expanding the possibilities of meeting the right match?

Still, says Ong, "The normal process of getting a date is too much hassle and sometimes, you don't even meet the right people." The advantage of speed dating, he adds, is that it allows people to meet a lot of potential dates at one time in a safe and secure place, usually the function room of a hotel.

With speed dating, people who are strictly single (not dating, not engaged), aged 21 to 40 and willing to shell out P800 for a buffet dinner, drinks and meet-all-you-can possible dates, can register at the group's website (www.sixdegreesevent.com) and join any of the monthly speed dating sessions organized by the group.

There are a few rules they have to abide with, says Ong. To protect the privacy of attendees, they're not supposed to exchange phone numbers or addresses. Instead, organizers will give out these details to couples who mark the other with a "Yes,"

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By Margaux Salcedo

You Can Buy Me Dinner

Ladies, don't allow yourself to be bought, but do allow yourself a dinner you'll never forget. Such as one in Opia, Hong Kong, which takes pride in its structured menu

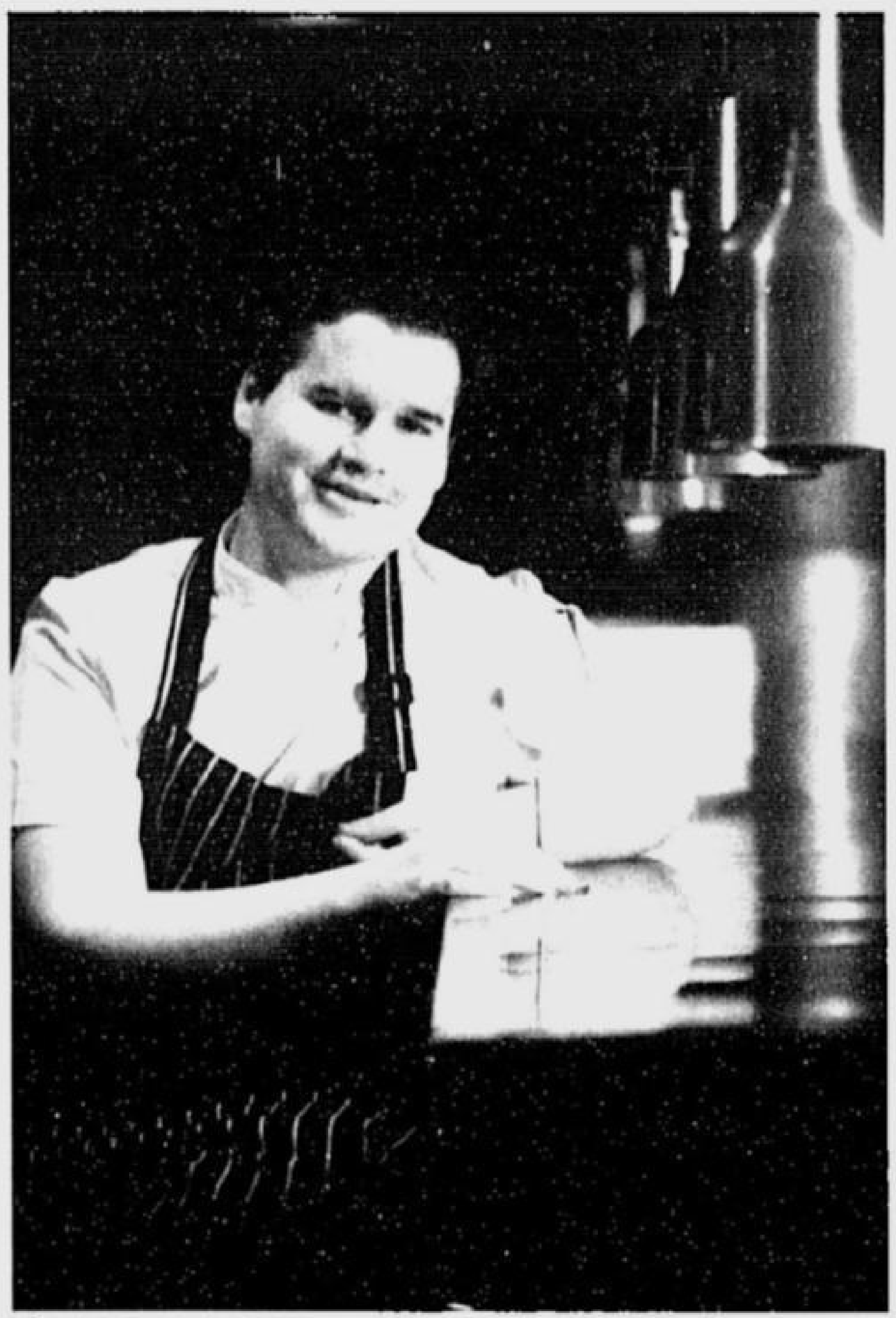
Howard: So you feel like going to Paris?
Ava: Now?
Howard: TWA is starting up flights to Europe. I thought I might pilot the first one. Ought to be some fun. ... Lots of shopping in Paris. I'll buy you anything.
Ava: You can buy me dinner. How about that?
Howard: Dinner, then. We got a date?
Ava: Okay, baby, you got a date.

THIS is my favorite scene from "The Aviator" because Ava Gardner sets the example for women everywhere: Don't allow yourself to be bought but do allow yourself a dinner you'll never forget!

Now to the Howards out there, I know it would be crazy to even think of flying your wife/fiancée/girlfriend to Paris for one Valentine's date. But the world is getting smaller and flights are getting cheaper, so you might want to consider a sweet little trip to the fashion capital this side of the globe: Hong Kong!

Sweep her off her feet with dinner at Opia, voted 2006 Best Restaurant in Hong Kong by the South China Morning Post/Harper's Bazaar Style Awards. Opia is the dimly lit, *uber* hip restaurant of the Philippe Starck-designed boutique hotel Jia. It exudes a New York vibe as you enter and you immediately feel a sense of chic. The all-white wall relief structure pleasantly feeds the eyes with its structured dimensions while the furniture is dark, enabling the strategically located lamps to set the mood.

Best of all, their hostess is American and all the servers speak English, including a very friendly Filipina named Toni Roco and a Filipino bartender named Ryan Garcia. No need to use sign language (the language barrier can get so frustrating) just to order soup!



Chef Dane: Passion goes into every perfect meal

All these elements, executed to perfection, serve to complement the main focus of Opia, which is what Executive Chef Dane Clouston calls "a structured menu."

"Everything has to have meaning before you serve it," Chef Dane explained when asked how he came up with such an amazing line up. "Everything is tested until we find a combination that allows the menu to flow with all the flavors coming together. It is very easy for anyone to draw up a menu, but it is not easy to create a menu that is structured and reformed to perfection before it is served."

It takes Chef Dane up to three months to complete a new menu, searching the world over for the perfect ingredients. His oysters and a lot of other items on the menu are flown in from Australia, but his search can go as far as Spain, where he gets angulas or baby eels.

If you come here specifically for Valentine's Day, you'll be very lucky as you will be served a special menu that Chef Dane has created especially for the day of hearts. This menu is part of the Saucy Surrender package of the Jia Hotel where, if you decide to check in overnight, you will be greeted with a tray of six oyster shooters, a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Rose Champagne and a bouquet of long stemmed roses.

Should you decide to celebrate later in the week, that is fine, too. The regular menu is nothing short of amazing. You must begin your meal with the Japanese-inspired oyster shooter with mirin tamari and seaweed green tea soba roll. This is a shot of (supposedly) non-alcoholic sake with oysters and pickled ginger inside. The combination is complex but purposeful: the seaweed roll works as a kind of chaser to the hot sake while the pickled ginger and wasabi accompany the oyster to create a mean shooter. The sake warms the stomach and stimulates your appetite, so when your choice of soup or salad arrives, you devour it with a real hunger.

I would recommend the cauliflower soup to follow the sake. On top of the beautifully textured soup sits a poached egg and a tortellini with gorgonzola cheese. Gorgonzola, of course, has a very strong flavor which may be overpowering if not handled correctly, but Chef Dane includes just enough to make you pause and wonder what that curious flavor is.

The bestseller among the appetizers is the seared *foie gras*. This is topped with chocolate mousse, a bit of caviar and a very thin and crispy potato wafer. As with all the other items on the menu, the separate parts of the dish must be consumed together for

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Roasted Lamb Saddle

the full benefit of its exceptional taste and flavor.

For the main course, get beef. Chef Dane is Australian and is brilliant with the creation of the perfect steak. Given the outstanding texture of the wagyu, Chef Dane garnishes the steak with a horseradish and watercress cream that totally changes the identity of the dish. A beetroot sorbet, on which the wagyu is laid, complements the beef, while the horseradish creates a sharp contrast. Other bestsellers are the lamb and the Black Angus rib.

Those who prefer fish can try the Crispy Skin Barramundi. Warning, though: this comes served on a sweet pea sauce with oxtail ravioli, so if you are a pesco-vegetarian, you may want to have the sea bass instead. The seabass is very filling as it is served with a vanilla potato cake and loads of beans.

For dessert, I tried another seemingly simple but, in fact, exceedingly complex concoction: the Turkish Delight and Nougat Cheesecake Ice Cream. The cheesecake ice cream swam in a cherry soup but it was the turkish delight that led the emphasis on sweet. The nougat added a well needed crunch to the too-chewy texture of the turkish delight but the bitter dark chocolate shavings on top of the cheesecake ice cream tamed what would otherwise be a dessert too sweet.

Recommended wines accompany the list of main courses on the menu. For instance, for the lamb, Opia recommends a 2004 Hewitson Miss Harry GS M from Barossa Valley; for the snapper, the menu lists Villa Maria Gewurztraminer, a 2006 wine from the East Coast. Of course, you can always ask for other wines should you prefer otherwise. But I think it's brilliant because it leads you to what the chef believes is the perfect partner to his creation. This shows that they tested not only the food, but also the accompanying wines, to arrive at the perfect gastronomic experience.

Opia is actually a fairly new restaurant. Chef Teage Ezard of Melbourne, accompanied by Chef Dane, created the original menu, which included Ezard's famous oyster shooters. When Chef Teage left, Chef Dane decided to stay and remains very hands-on in the kitchen. The night I was there, I saw him through a window that deliberately exposes the kitchen, and watched him labor over each dish, instead of passing it on to his cooks. It was very impressive.

"My work is accompanied by a passion for what I do and I surround myself with people who have the same mentality so we all work together to create the perfect meal. I think people nowadays are becoming more conscious, more aware and more knowledgeable of what they eat so they appreciate that the menu is structured and well thought out, and I think this has worked for us."

Indeed it has. Dinner may hit around HK$600 to $900 per head but you are assured that every ingredient, every process was labored over so that every bite is worth every Hong Kong dollar. So don't hesitate to fly over if she's worth it! And please, woman, don't settle for anything but the best! •

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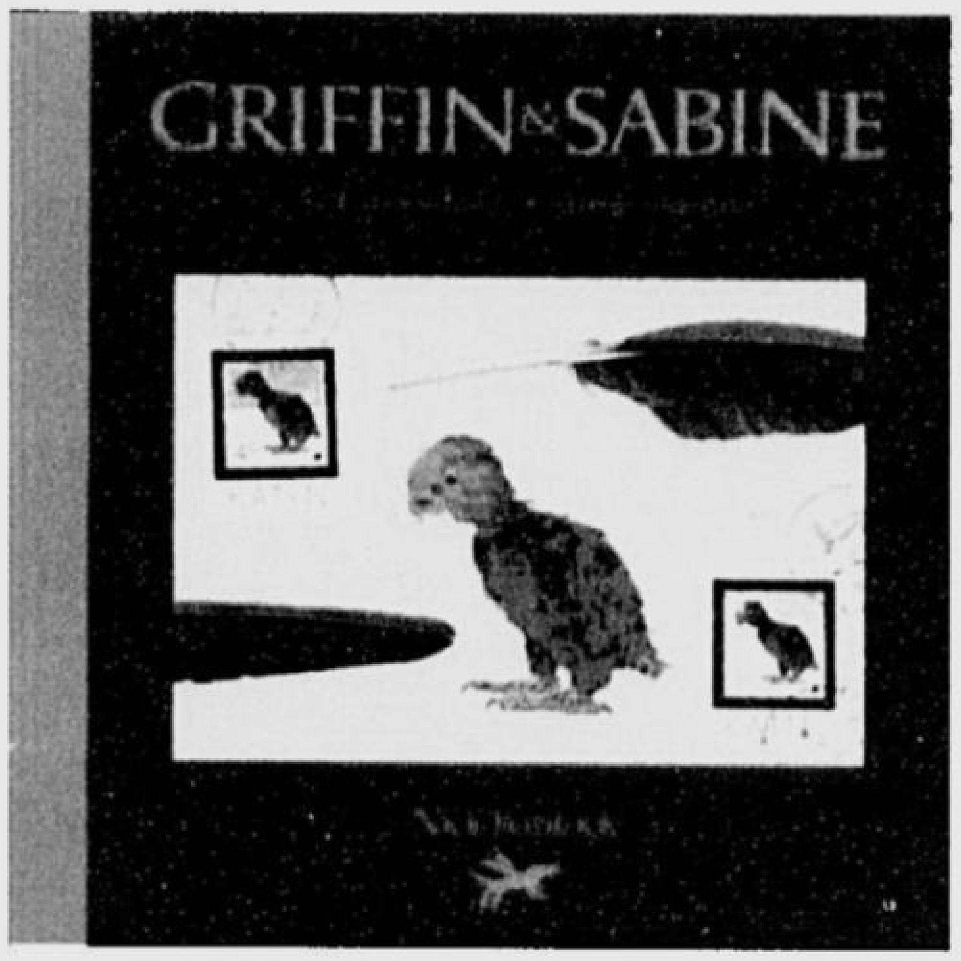
Lovebound books

Music, flowers and a good movie are fine -but a good book about love is truly a gift that keeps on loving. Here are five titles that should make Valentine last all year



1) "**Griffin & Sabine: An Extraordinary Correspondence**" by Nick Bantock: When this lovely book came out in 1991, no one knew quite what to make of it. Yet the seduction of the reader (in and outside the book) was total, leading to a trilogy and a cult following. But Bantock, he of the beguiling postcards and otherworldly prose, is never as charming and desperate as he is in this first volume.

2) "**Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair**" by Pablo Neruda: This is the essential modern book of irresistible love poetry. What Shakespeare was to an earlier audience, Neruda is to us. This slim book, originally published in Spanish as *"Veinte Poemas de Amor y una Cancion Deseperada"* in 1924 is distilled by WS Merwin's masterful translations. All the poems here are unbearably beautiful ("We Have Lost Even," "I Have Gone Marking") but one poem, "Tonight I Can Write," puts forth its case as the best love poem ever.

3) "**Like Water For Chocolate**" by Laura Esquivel: Yes, by now, the idea of spicing up a book, any book, with recipes, is old hat, but when Esquivel first did it with 1998's *"Como Agua Para Chocolate,"* it was both

By Leica R. Carpo
Photographs by Rodel Roton

For this interracial couple, nothing's lost in translation

Does true love conquer all? French-Pinoy spouse [illegible] toff Lejeune and Lala Gamboa defied initial antagonism, parental rules and sexist perceptions [illegible] build [illegible] sehold that [illegible] der [illegible] nd bias

IT'S not your typical love story. Sparks flew when Cristoff Lejeune, 41, and Lala Gamboa, 30, first met, and not because of mutual attraction, either. He pissed her off, recalls this Firma store manager of her initial encounter with the regional account manager of Oberthur Card System. She was trying to sell him some furniture and he was playing hardball, adds this freelance designer and vocalist who used to handle sales for Firma Malate.

"I was her 'super evil' French customer trying to get the best price for the furniture pieces," says Cristoff. When she told him their asking price, he said, "It's not enough," and put down the phone. That should have been the end of it, but fate and a house in need of furniture were not to be ignored.

Their next meeting was a chance encounter at a bar where Cristoff bought Lala a pack of cigarettes and asked her out to brunch the next Sunday. "I felt I was bit too rough on her on the phone and wanted to make amends," says Cristoff. It was smooth sailing after that. By May 2002, barely two months after, they were dating. In July, they traveled to France to meet Cristoff's parents. Come November, he proposed, and it was wedding bells on March 29 the following year.

If that sounds like a whirlwind romance, it's probably because there's minimal intrusion from non-Filipino in-laws. With only half of the in-laws involved, the courtship period is effectively cut in half. Agrees Cristoff: "In France, people are more independent from their families. I left home at 17 like a lot of my friends, and I'm treated like an independent unit. My parents don't get too involved in what I do and I can go straight to the point when I talk to them about the things I want to do in life—like choosing who I want to marry."
Not exactly the case in the Philippines. For Lala, the biggest hurdle in her relationship with Cristoff was not just getting her parents to approve her choice of mate, but getting them to allow her to travel alone with him. Despite her elders' reservations, the young couple went ahead with their trip to France in what became Lala's first major act of defiance against her parents.

Sparks flew when Lala Gamboa met "super evil" Frenchman Cristoff Lejeune

And here lies the biggest cultural difference between Filipino and French cultures: Filipinos always seek their parents' blessings for any major decision regardless of their age, because seemingly, the ties that bind Pinoy parents to their offsprings are never severed. In France, on the other hand, once children leave home to fend for themselves, parental consent or approval becomes optional.

The Filipinos' more traditional concept of sharing household responsibilities also underwent slight revisions in Lala's and Cristoff's case.

Cristoff handles the household budget and other financial matters, while Lala oversees childcare and does translation and peacekeeping duties in the house. As Cristoff has 'particular tastes in design and food,' he is given free reign to decide on interiors and the day's menu. Travel plans and disciplinary actions are discussed jointly. As for the more serious aspect of religious affiliation, the couple has agreed to let their two children Sebastien, 3, and Tristan, 10 months, choose their own faith. Except for these perimeters, the Lejeunes' relationship is a study in constant open-ended discussions on a multitude of subjects, with the couple agreeing to disagree on certain matters.

Vive le difference also seems to govern Cristoff's choice in finding the right woman to marry. Unlike Filipino women, he says, "French girls are too career-oriented, demanding and concerned more with their jobs than building a home. Now, 70 percent of my friends married to French girls are divorced. Here, family values are better because there is more of a balanced life. I see a need to return to

For this interracial couple, nothing's lost in translation

"A balanced life": Lala and Cristoff with children Tristan and Sebastien

these values in France." As for the perception that Asian women are submissive, the Frenchman disagrees. "Asian women are more accommodating so relationships are more balanced, and that makes for less head-on collisions and confrontations."

Adds Lala: "Filipino women are bred into nurturing roles. You have to take care of—note, I said take care and not follow—your husband, parents and children."

French guys don't do too bad either when compared to Filipino men, says Lala. "I can't speak for all French men but Cristoff is less demanding than a Filipino guy. He does not expect me to act, dress or be a certain way. I choose what I wear at the end of the day and he's 'cool' with it." She also puts some cliché to rest. "I was brought up to believe all that *l'amour* cliché—where all the French men are kissing you on street corners and whispering sweet nothings in your ear all day. It's not like that at all, but there is romance. When Cristoff was courting me, he invited me over for a candlelit home-cooked meal—which, I later found out, was a reheated meal done by his cook."

Counters Cristoff: "I did plan the menu." To which Lala interjects, "And you boiled the pasta yourself."

Like other married couples, the two have their share of disagreements but have finessed a way to deal with arguments. For Lala, persistence is key. "I will discuss things until I get my point across. If I'm wrong, I keel over." If he's wrong, says Cristoff, he acknowledges it and apologizes. Adds Lala: "He does apologize—after some time."

Jealousy is not an issue, says the missus. "Cristoff is not the jealous type. He never complains about my coming home late. Now that we're married, I know exactly where I stand with him and vice versa. My personal policy is, someone can kiss you—just no kissing back and no taking anyone home."

Despite an unpromising beginning, the Lejeunes' marriage seems headed for a happy ending, with the kids providing the perfect backdrop for a fairy tale. Divorce, says Lala, is not an option. "I said in my vows that I'll take him in sickness and in health, and I meant it." Cristoff is as resolute: "I waited long enough to find the right woman. Experience should help us work out any issues that arise."

While Lala and Cristoff are lucky to have bridged the gap that often divides couples from disparate sides of the world, one can only second guess the fate of other interracial marriages. Only one thing is certain: the children will look amazing. •

By Eri

Date Movies with a Difference

Movies that make her swoon without making him comatose

MEN and women are wired differently—that's why there are guy flicks and chick flicks.

A gentleman doesn't drag his girlfriend into a movie theater showing any film starring The Rock, and by the same token he tries to show polite interest (or at least not snore) when she takes him to watch "The Lake House."

That's why Hollywood invented the romcom (romantic comedy): it's the safest bet for a date movie, the idea being that the comedy—and the leading lady's sex appeal—will at least keep the guys awake while their dates moon over the romantic angle and the leading man's dark, sensitive good looks.

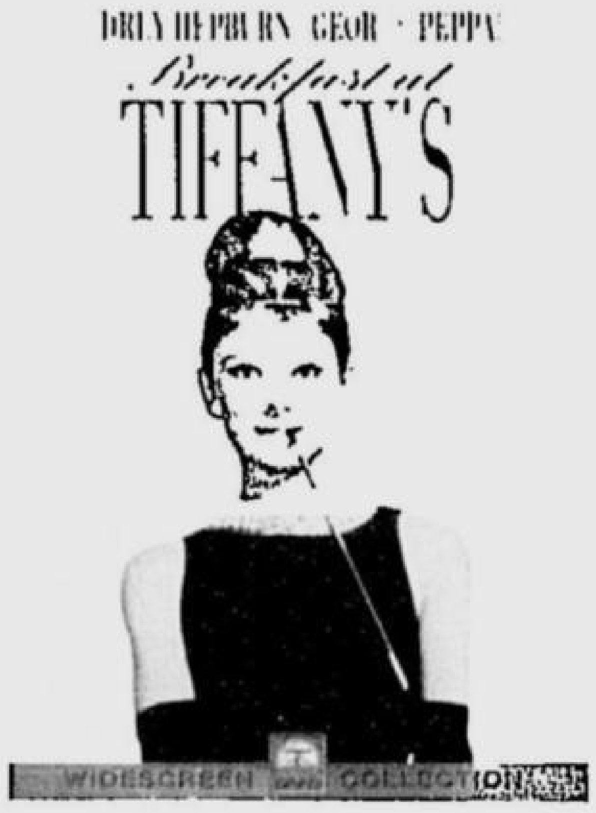
Safe—but boring.

For the more adventurous couple, however, the perfect date movie should at least tickle the brain cells while tugging at the heartstrings, leaving a bittersweet aftertaste that is best quenched with a passionate clinch.
Some examples:

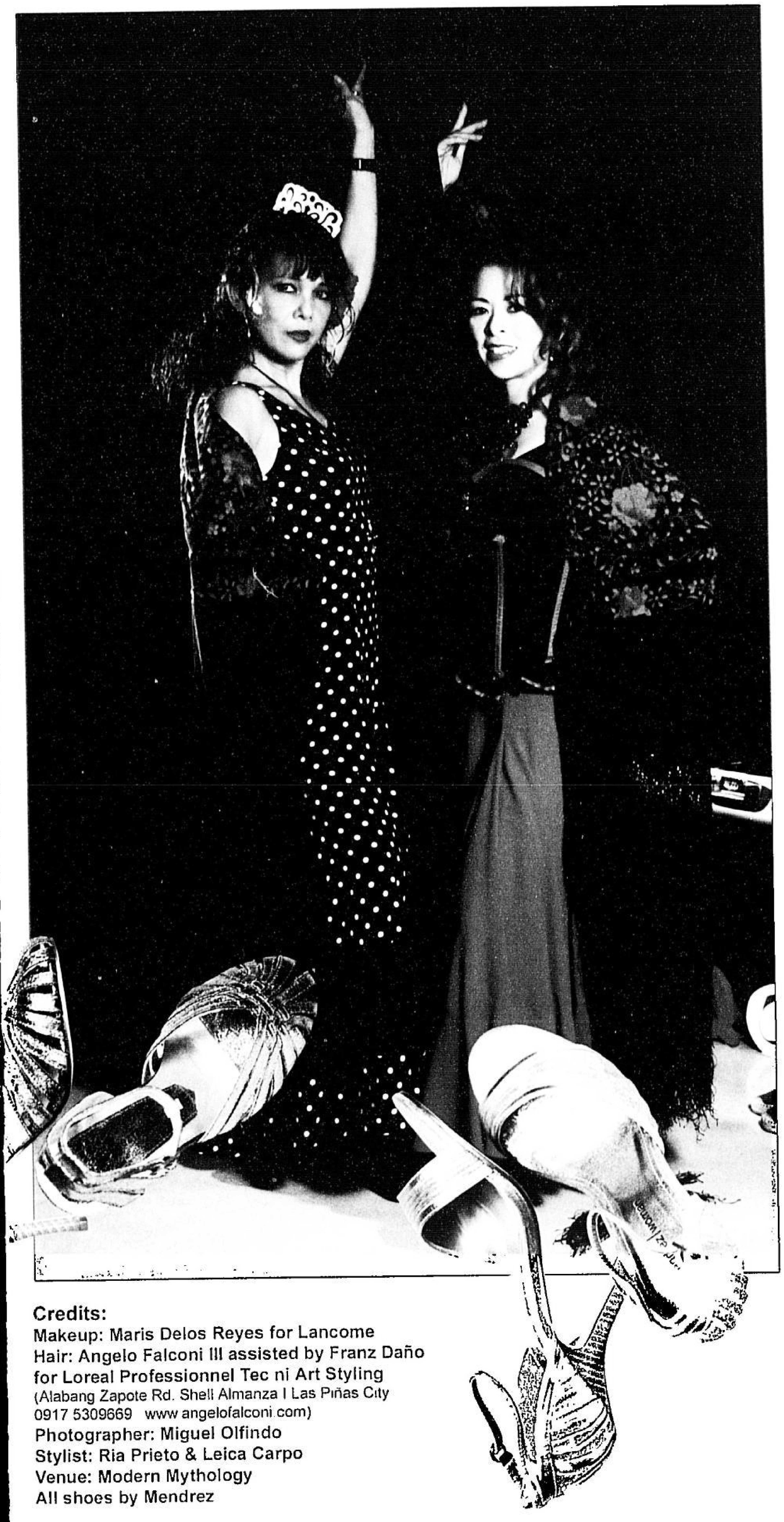
"In the Mood For Love." In Wong Kar Wai's tale of an unconsummated affair, Tony Leung and Maggie Cheung dance around each other without ever touching, leaving a pang of regret that will stick in your throats and the soundtrack playing over and over in your heads.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's." Audrey Hepburn plays Holly Golightly, the original Material Girl—a gold-digger with a heart of gold.

"Brief Encounter." Jeez, another unconsummated affair movie? But David Lean's 1945 classic about a married woman who almost succumbs to temptation will stir emotions you never thought you had.



Finding your solemate



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"La Flamenco Dancers"

Name: Tessa Valdes
Occupation: interior designer/columnist
Personal style: colorful fun
What shoe did you pick for you? Silver heels shiny loud glittery—it's so me.
Tessa's pick for Gina Jane: Jeweled flats. Why? Because they look bohemian but bejeweled.

Name: Gina Jane Grey
Occupation: Professional dance instructor
Personal style: Sexy Bohemian
What shoe did you pick for you? The metallic heels. Why? I like the color and height.
Gina Jane's pick for Tessa? Silver heels for sure. Why? They are flashy scene stealing shoes just like her.

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"Sister Act"

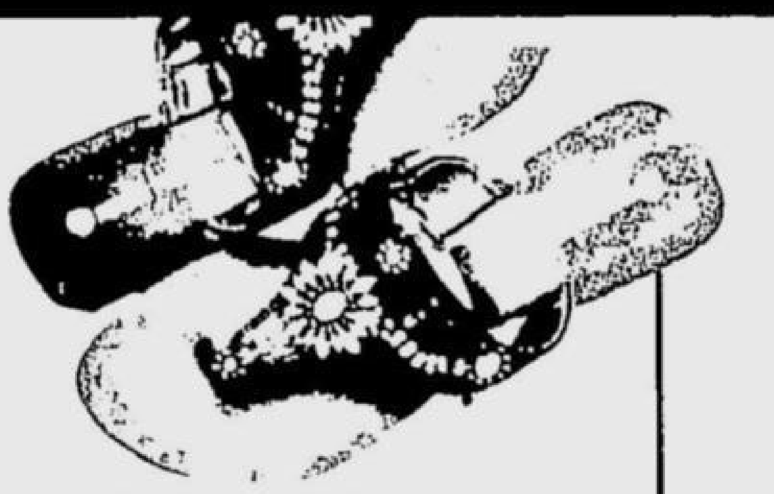
Name: Chermaine Cuasay
Occupation: Entrepreneur
Personal style: It really depends on my mood. I don't follow trends. I don't follow rules. I'm a chameleon.
What shoe did you pick for you? The silver heels. Why? I like the height.
Chermaine's pick for Carole: The brown jeweled flats. Why? She's into comfort.

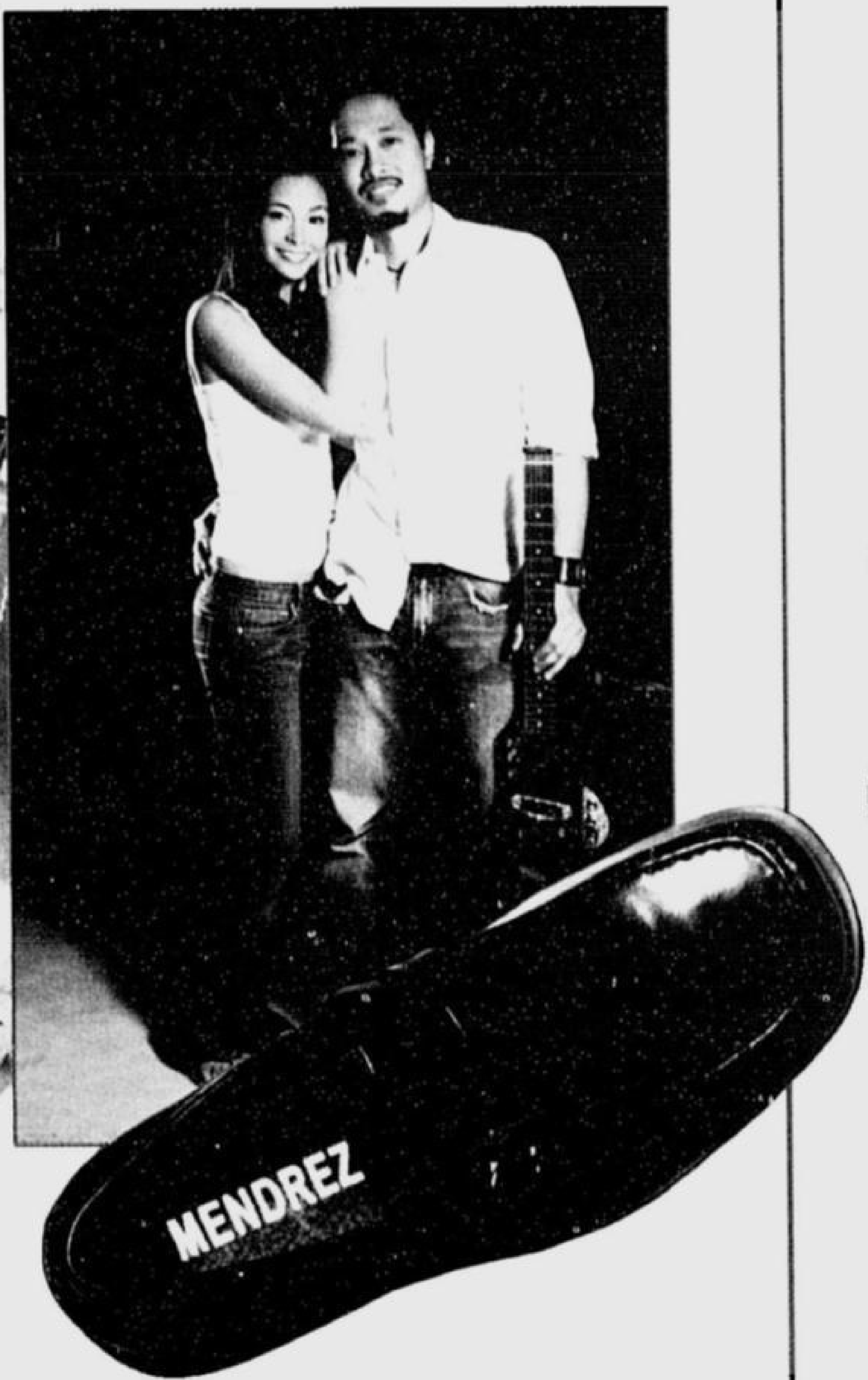
Name: Carole Cuasay
Occupation: Personal Shopper/Neiman Marcus, San Francisco
Personal style: I love to mix vintage pieces with anything new & modern. I have a very extreme mix of wardrobe. It's a bit of rock & chic altogether.
What shoe did you pick for you? The classic metallic shoes. Why? Its' got good lines.
Carole's pick for Chermaine: The flat slipper. Why? All her shoes are high she needs a good flat pair.

"Workout Buddies"

Name: Amanda Carpo
Occupation: Attorney
Personal style: last days of disco…always trying to shed off the office persona for the party look…
What shoe did you pick for you? The silver heels. Why? Disco forever.
Amanda's pick for Chesca: The silver heels because I think they'll look good on her too.

Name: Franchesca Carpo
Occupation: Architect
Personal style: casual quirky
What shoe did you pick for you? The brown Jerusalem cruiser w/ amber gems. Why? The color appealed to me. I don't usually wear open flats but summer is a few months away and its nice to try something fresh.
Chesca's pick for Amanda: I picked the silver heel with braided rope straps. They look fun, something she can wear for a nite on the town (after her sporty work out ;)





"The Rocker & The Model Girlfriend"

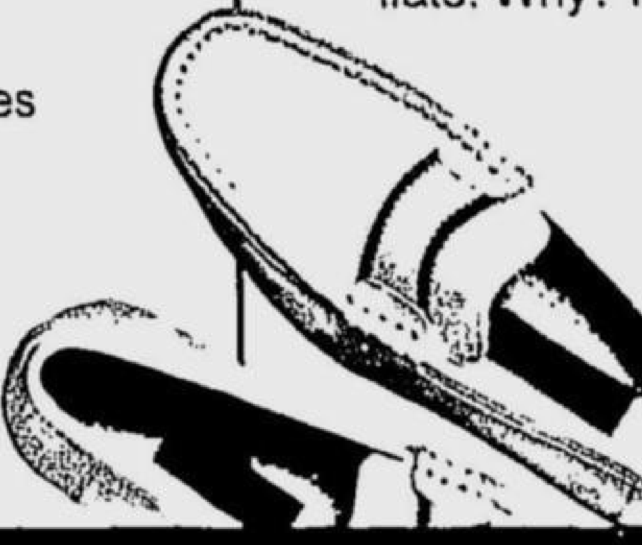
Name: Maike Evers
Occupation: Host/Model
Personal style: Modern/funky
What shoe did you pick for you? A pair of beaded slippers. I liked the combination of colours and how they were both casual and dressy.
Maike's pick for Atticus: Black with a silver understated clasp. Why? They're classy with an interesting detail.

Name: Atticus King
Occupation: Businessman/ Musician
Personal style: Rock
What shoe and why did you pick that pair? Plain black leather shoes, because of its clean smooth lines.
Atticus pick for Maike: The strappy silver ones. Why? Because she likes silver and intricate designs.

"The Lovers"

Name: Celine Gabriel
Occupation: PR Manager Make Up Forever and Herbal Woman
Personal Style: I like cool, pretty and unique vintage pieces. Which I like to mix up like a yummy cocktail--something modern with something retro.
What shoe did you pick for you? I chose the white faux snakeskin flat with gold studs. Why? Because it's modern, very stylish and extremely comfortable.
Celine's pick for Matt: The funky cream loafers. Why? They would look cool with his statement tees.

Name: Matthew Lim
Occupation: Business Man
Personal style: I normally like going for classic well cut pieces with a twist.
What shoe did you pick for you? Chocolate brown, square toe, lace up leather shoes.
Matt's pick for Celine: The caramel flats. Why? It's so her.



"The Ku Kat Coup"

Name: Stephen Ku
Occupation: Party Pusher, Club Promoter, Vocalist & Tai Chi Expert
Personal style: Rockish
What shoe did you pick for you? The classic square toes. Why? For its sleekness.
Stephen's pick for Kat: I picked the silver heels coz it makes her taller and it's very sexy, like her. Oh, and I like to see toes, a lot of it.

Name: Kat Cruz
Occupation: Fashion Stylist, struggling writer
Personal style: Constantly evolving-right now it's vintage-pretty
What shoe did you pick for you? Yellow patent sling back with bow. Why? It's a pair that can go with anything and everything, very summer chic.
Kat's pick for Stephen: Brown leather lace-ups, it's dressy but also utilitarian.

By Joy Rojas
Photographs by Ryan Lim

Scenes from a real-life romance

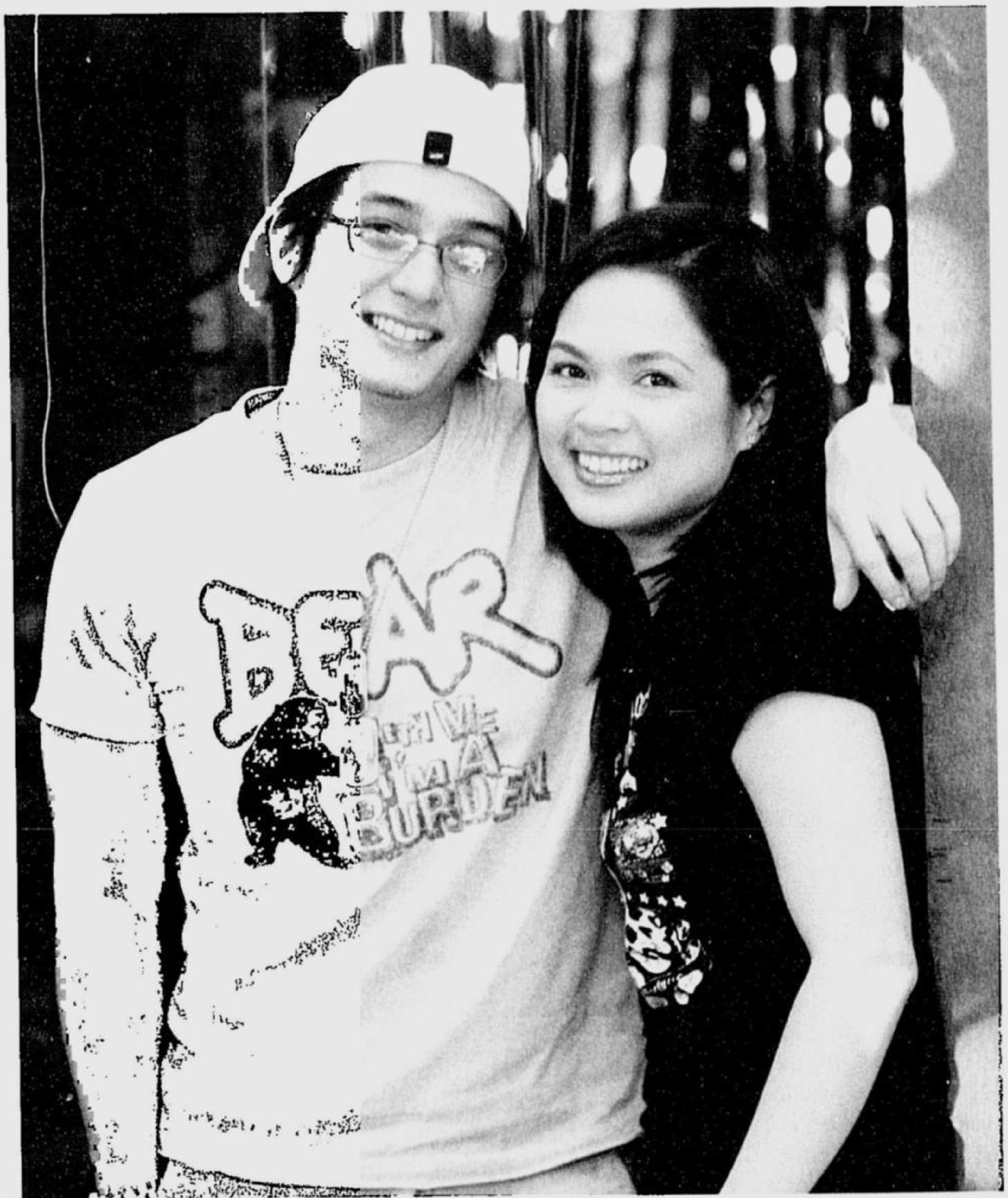
Her type couldn't stand his type, but Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo soon discovered that they have a lot to like about each other after working on a TV fantasy series. Now they can't stand being apart even before the cameras

THEY usually spend their weekends shopping, or hanging out with friends at a coffee shop, the guys talking about bikes while the girls chat about life or finds in the mall. Like most couples, they plan to celebrate this Valentine's Day out of Manila and, if their schedules permit, do a repeat of last year's special day of hearts—a quiet getaway with friends to a secluded beach in Batangas, a place they have come to call their second home.

“It may sound disappointing,” shrugs Ryan Agoncillo of his high-profile relationship with actress Judy Ann Santos, “but ours is not a sweeping, dramatic romance. If anything, we're more a light comedy, *hindi kami pang-telenovela* (not the stuff of soap).”

Maybe so, but their partnership sure translates well on screen. Their first project, the ABS-CBN *fantaserye* “Krystala,” was an overwhelming hit. Meanwhile, their last, the Star Cinema movie “*Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo*,” bagged a best actress trophy for Judy Ann at the 2006 Metro Manila Film Festival and surpassed the box office sales of the MMFF's best picture awardee, “Enteng Kabisote 3.”

Who would have thought that love would bloom between the 28-year-old drama princess who recently marked her 20th year in show business, and the smart, smooth-talking 27-year-old host?



“Light comedy romance”: Ryan and Juday

Certainly not Judy Ann nor Ryan, who first met eight years ago for separate shoots in photographer Raymund Isaac's studio. Ryan, then 19 and a De La Salle University student who was breaking into show business, said ‘hi!’ from across the room to the already well-known film and TV actress. He was being polite. “I knew who she was and I assumed she knew me too because we were supposed to do a project together,” he says. She, however, was unresponsive, uneasy next to his English-speaking crowd.

Still, she managed to exchange ‘hi's’ with him when the two crossed paths again at a salon. By their third meeting, Judy Ann says she could not stand him. Ryan, who “knew she was the type who would hate my type,” decided to rub it in when she appeared on one of the shows he hosted, “Talk TV.”

“*Ang dami-daming* guests, *ako lang ang tinatanong niya*,” she recalls. “*Hindi naman ako galit sa kanya. Asar lang*. (There were a lot of guests but he singled me out for the questions. I wasn't mad at him, just annoyed).”

Romance then seemed a remote possibility when Ryan was tapped to play Judy Ann's love interest in the top-rated “Krystala.” But the weeks and months on the set proved to be a revelation. For one, the actress never

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By Eric S. Caruncho
Photographs by August de la Cruz

Bonding 24/7

Indie Rock's Raimund Marasigan and Myrene Academia share more than just top billing in the band Sandwich. Offstage, they're also a durable couple--proof that constant togetherness doesn't have to translate to claustrophobia

Housemates and bandmates Myrene and Raimund: "You need to separate the work part from the relationship"

THEY could be any young suburban couple out malling--he in polo and jeans, she in oversized tee and leggings. But Raimund Marasigan and Myrene Academia are hardly typical. They're two-fifths of Sandwich , one of contemporary Pinoy rock's most durable and *baduy*-proof franchises.

The band has managed to become huge without selling out. Hits like "*Sugod*" and "DVDx" from their current EMI album "Five on the Floor," combine savvy pop hooks with a sly humor and an ironic edge, proof that "*masa*" doesn't have to mean "*baduy* (gauche)." It's a fine balancing act between commercial appeal and "underground" credibility that few bands have managed to pull off. Recently, the band even made a guest appearance on Sharon Cuneta's show—their second, with the Megastar singing "*Walang Kadala-dala*" with the band.

Says Raimund: "Ten years ago, we wouldn't have accepted the invitation, nor would they ask. Now, we're like 'it's cool to be on the Sharon Cuneta show.' "

Which only goes to show how times have changed. Bands now have more platforms than when Sandwich first started out: from music television and the Internet to movies and cellphone ringtones. Sandwich has cut soundtracks for the videogame "Tantra," the TV series "*Nginig*," and most recently, the film "Super Noypi," making their music an ubiquitous feature of the current mediasphere.

Today, however, Raimund and Myrene are rock stars incognito. "I think people are still surprised that we're a couple," says Raimund. "We don't hide it *naman*."

Since leaving the Eraserheads to focus on Sandwich, Raimund has become something of an indie rock renaissance man, playing with, and producing, a slurry of other side bands and musical projects including Cambio, Pedicab and his hip-hop studio band Squid 9.

Myrene meanwhile plays bass for Imago. Before that, she spent 13 years on board as a disc jockey for NU107 FM, warping young minds with "Not Radio," her program of adventurous new music.

Like many long-term couples, Raimund and Myrene have developed a tendency to finish each other's sentences.

But isn't being a couple while working in the same band claustrophobic, kind of like working in the same office? "We were bandmates before we became a couple, so it was never an issue for us," says Raimund. "Besides, being in a band isn't like working in an office," he says. "We only work at night, so the rest of the day we each have our own thing, and we can be together or not. The shows aren't a daily routine either—it's a job, a really good job…"

He adds: "Everytime we go out of town, it's a free trip for us, and you're touring with your best friends. You all get free beers backstage and free accommodations and you all get to use the pool or the van. *Parang gumi*-gimmick *kayong magkakabarkada.*"

Says Myrene: "We each have other bands and other interests, and we don't require each other to do the same things, watch the same shows or even listen to the same songs so it's not claustrophobic for us."

"So far," laughs Raimund.

It wasn't too long ago that punk rock (or any music-based lifestyle) was something you outgrew as you "matured" and buckled down to grim task of earning a living, raising a family, etc. As in real life. But Raimund and Myrene have shown that it's possible to build a real life out of the music that

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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Erratum:

In the article "From Voluptuous to Versatile," **SIM**, Jan. 21, 2007, the name of Marissa Sanchez's designer should be Edward Teng, not Edwin Teng. And Ynah Pangan is from "Pinoy Idol," not "Pinoy Dream Academy." **SIM** regrets the error.

Date Movies with a Difference (page (

"**High Fidelity.**" All right, a rom com where the guy gets his girl back. This is actually a guy film in rom com disguise: quirky oddball characters, the music geek milieu, Jack Black and Lisa Bonet.

"**Annie Hall.**" Woody Allen's comedy about high-strung New Yorkers who fall in and out of love has aged gracefully, even if Diane Keaton's baggy, layered look in the movie—a fashion trend for a time—did not.

"**Before Sunset.**" Richard Linklater's work perfectly captures the spontaneous combustion of romance in the 1990s. His sequel, over a decade later, perfectly depicts the cold war that is loving and losing in the new Millennium. Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy reunite in sunny Paris and talk, talk, talk, hoping that words would stave off impending departures.

"**Some Kind of Wonderful.**" This is the definitive date movie from the 1980s. Eric Stoltz, Lea Thompson, and, most importantly, Mary Stuart Masterson as the tomboyish drummer/best friend Watts, form an unusual love triangle that would become more and more familiar as the years went by. Oh, and the soundtrack's divine.

"***Minsan Minahal Kita.***" Sharon Cuneta and Richard Gomez are caught up in the kind of lost-love epic that you expect, but it's the little moments, like Sharon and Richard having a less than glamorous rendezvous on a pedestrian overpass, and the excellent supporting cast that make this genuinely watchable.

(With a report from Ruel S. De Vera)

Love in the Fast Forward (from page 2)

meaning they consider each other a good match and are open to a date after the session. Not that it's an iron-clad rule. Marina admits to routinely violating it, slipping her number to guys she finds attractive. Another rule is to avoid asking sexually explicit questions or using lewd language that might be construed as threatening or harassing.

They get all kinds, says Ong: employees, business execs, professionals and students. Around 70 percent of the couples pair off afterwards, he claims. And while three to five minutes is hardly enough to get to know a person, Ong believes that it's enough time to make a good first impression on the other party and to find out if there's chemistry between them. The tone of voice and one's body language should also tip one off on the person's sincerity, he adds.

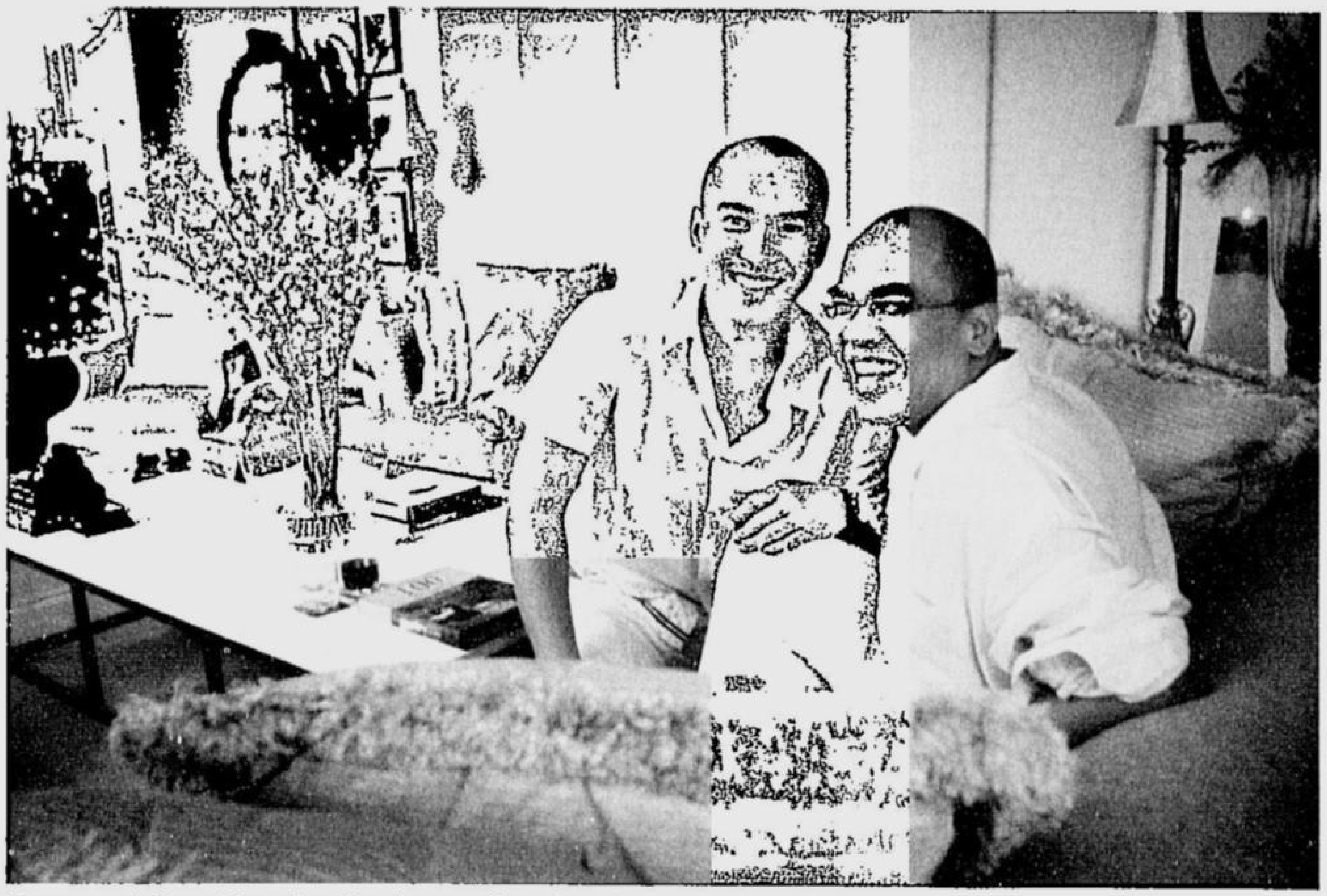
To date, Six Degrees has organized 30 speed dating sessions—with several pairs winding up at the altar—and it doesn't look like the novelty is wearing off, either.

"You can see by the smiles of the participants that the session has been a success," says Ong, although they can be better, he adds. "Pinoys can be a bit more open to meeting other people." •

By Alya B. Honasan

The Ballad of Boy and Bong

Or, how love can keep two very different people together, no matter what their gender. Which proves once more that commitment really doesn't need any written rules



Lyn Rillon

Bong and Boy: Keeping the home fires burning

THEY arrive from an afternoon excursion, shopping for orchids for their Quezon City home. They call each other "Baby," and instinctively change into clothes in the same shade for the photo shoot. One is a celebrity and a few years older, while the other works behind the scenes, but it's definitely a relationship of equals. They first met on November 3, 1983—both remember the date in a heartbeat—and they will mark their 24th year as a couple this year.

They don't like stereotypes, but hey, we'll say it anyway—heterosexuals should get so lucky. The couple in question is TV host and mega talent manager Boy Abunda and former Philippine Air Lines (PAL) steward turned talent manager Bong Quintana. "We don't really identify ourselves as a gay couple, and we don't role-play," Boy explains. "There's no male or female, papa or mama, top or bottom. We go where the wind blows."

The more outspoken Boy is quick to bash the idea of a "typical" gay relationship—fleeting, casual. "That I can accept, but not the idea of a gay relationship being based on promiscuity," Boy says. "You can judge me as a TV host, you can have an opinion about my show and my work. But if you judge me on my being gay—as in, don't come in here, *bawal ang bakla dito* (gays aren't allowed here)—well, *lalabas ang pagka*-Waray *ko*."

Bong does get indignant, but more out of empathy for his mate. "I'd think, hey, why are you saying that about him?"

Having come from a conservative family—Bong's father was a policeman—it is the best testament to the relationship's success that even Papa, as both Bong and Boy call Bong's father, has given them his blessing.

But we're getting ahead of the story, because it was not always that easy. In 1983, Boy Abunda was PR director of the Metropolitan Theater, a gay *provinciano* from Borongan, Samar who had become a dynamic PR maverick reveling in his milieu. Bong was a 17-year-old apprentice with the Metropolitan Dance Theatre, and was practicing on the ballet barre before class when Boy first glimpsed him. "I saw somebody peek in, somebody in a coat and *bitin* pants with long hair," Bong recalls with a laugh.

Boy invited the young man, along with a couple of friends, for a snack, and Bong got so stuffed he couldn't dance anymore. Boy offered to tour him around the Metropolitan Theater instead. "It was raining," Boy recalls. "And since then, essentially, we've been together."

They had different perceptions of the relationship. For the younger man, it was "exciting. I had come from a straight relationship, but I had no worries because I was sure I would not fall for him. I thought, this was something new, a passing fancy, I'll give it a shot. But wow, were the tables turned!"

Indeed, by consensus, both remember how it was Bong who eventually did most of the chasing. It even reached a point when Bong began to bother him, Boy recalls. "Everywhere I went, he would show up, and I would tell my friends, '*Naku, andyan na naman ang bagets*' (There's the kid again). It was cute, but I never thought it was going to be serious. I had no expectations. I had come from a bad relationship, and I was pretty cynical."

Bong realized he was "in trouble," as he describes it, after about three or four months. "I was the one playing Sherlock Holmes. I'd go to places where I thought he'd hang out, and sometimes I'd be right." Bong was smitten with Boy's drive and intensity. "He was my idol," he says. So smitten was he that he'd leave home to spend the night at Boy's then go to school in the morning. This, after his father, the policeman, had ordered him not to leave the house, sometimes even

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Scenes from a real-life romance

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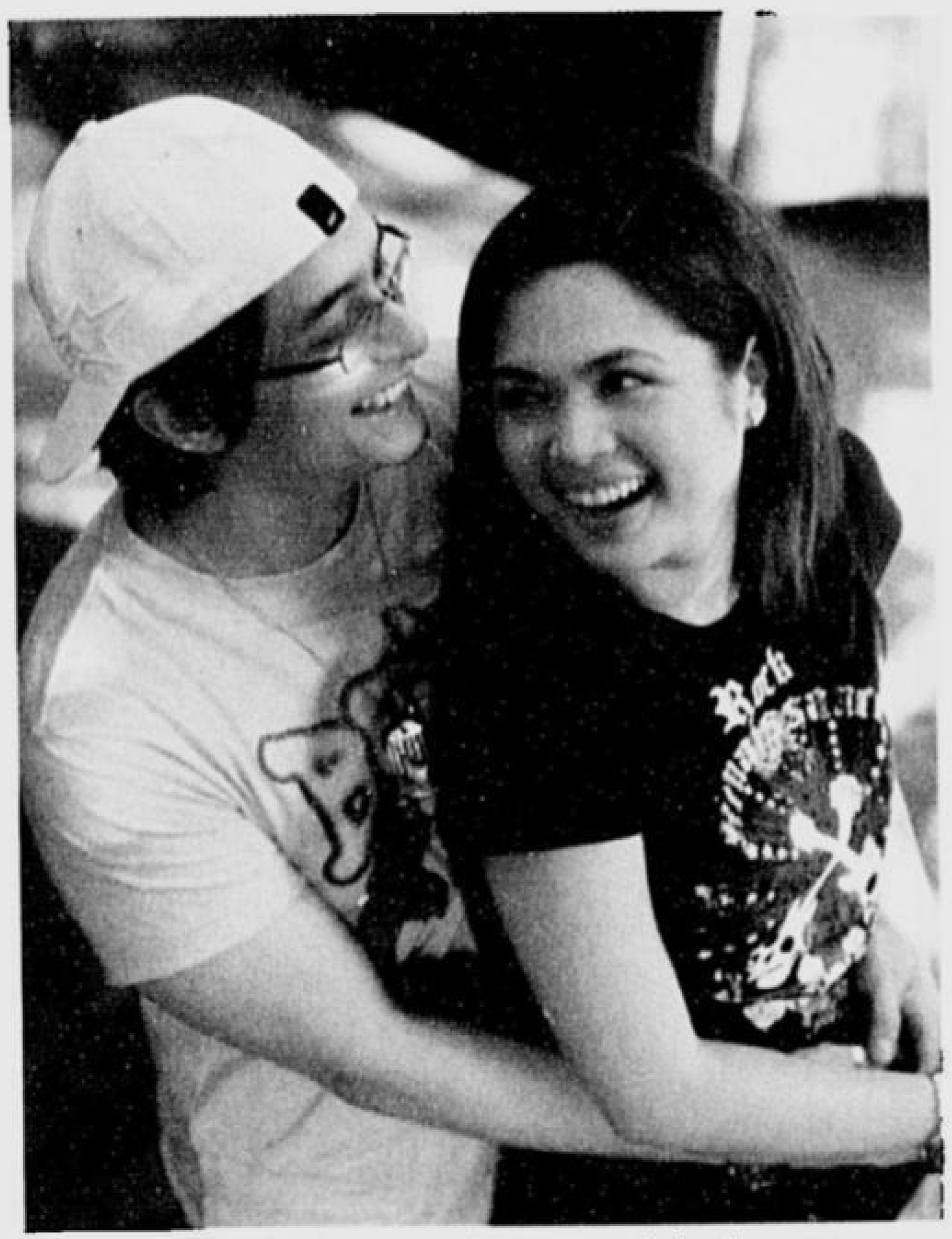

Getting carried away: Ryan and Juday as real-life lovers

thought her La Sallite leading man could be such a cowboy. "*Kumakain pala ito ng* barbecue *sa kanto* (He ate street food)!" she exclaims. "He's also very accommodating and very *ma-kwento* (chatty)." Ryan, meanwhile, liked her doting nature, the way she cooked for the crew and her gentle way with her staff.

Admittedly, it was Judy Ann who first fell "in like" with Ryan, cautiously, she says, as he was still committed. He was just as careful: aside from being in a relationship, he had never been involved with a fellow actor before, and wondered whether their feelings for each other would endure long after the show. Prudent as they were, however, it was on "Krystala" where the two shared their very first kiss—and no, we don't mean the one that millions of televiewers saw on screen. "Oh, we'll just keep that to ourselves," chuckles Ryan when pressed for details.

After "Krystala," things just fell into place, so that by the time the couple flew to the States as part of ABS-CBN's Kapamilya Caravan and to shoot an episode of "*Maalaala Mo Kaya*," they were already on. "Okay *na kami*," confirms Ryan.

It got so that rumors swirled about how the couple had tied the knot abroad. After all, the two were sporting matching rings that look suspiciously like wedding bands. Though Ryan never enters a relationship "without thinking of it in the long-term," he dismisses rumors that he and Judy Ann are husband and wife. "No, we just liked them," says Ryan of the rings that they wear as a reminder of their many "firsts" together: their first US trip together, their first time to visit the popular theme park Magic Mountain, and so on.

Married or not, the two carry on today like an old couple, even though, by Ryan's estimate, they've only been together "a little over a year, a little less than two." They have no official anniversary. Thanks to his influence, she's adopted his sense of style, showing up for this interview in a rocker T-shirt, jeans and sneakers. "*Magaling mamili ng damit 'yan* (He has good fashion sense)," she declares. "After two months, *nauuso na* (they become the trend)!" She's also learned to take better care of herself. She used to focus solely on work but now she's as concerned about looking and smelling good. "*Natuto akong pumorma* (I've learned to primp and dress up)," she smiles. Love, of course, has plenty to do with her undeniable glow.

"This is the first time I've had a relationship that everybody knows about," says Judy Ann who hid the fact that she and first boyfriend, "Esperanza" co-star Wowie de Guzman, were an item until the two broke up. "It feels good to have your boyfriend as your colleague, because you're comfortable with him on and off the set. I've been acting for 20 years, and this is the first time that I don't feel tired after work, I don't feel hassled, or I want to go home because I don't get along with my partner. After 20 years in show business, feeling *ko* I'm only starting to discover what I can do with myself and my craft. *Ngayon lang ako naging todo-todong masaya*. (I feel this happy only now)."

As for Ryan, the consensus is that he's become a kinder, gentler version of himself. "*Sabi nila mabait na daw ako*," he grins, "*nabawasan ang pagkamaldito ko* (They say I've become less of a mischief-maker)." Aloof and hot-headed, he was not one to mingle with co-workers. "But I'm not that way anymore," he says. "She calms me down when I'm agitated."

Psychics predict that 2007 will be a lucky year for the couple, a forecast that seems accurate. Individually, their careers are soaring: Ryan is slated to return to his hosting stint on ABC 5's "Philippine Idol," while Judy Ann is set to star in a movie with Jolina Magdangal under GMA Films, as well as a slew of TV shows and commercials.

As a couple, the two are shooting the upcoming ABS-CBN *teleserye* "Ysabela." The roles aren't a stretch: Ryan and Judy Ann play strangers who fall in love.

Easy, right? So why the need for extra takes during the shoot? "In 'Krystala,' our director used to tell us, 'more *lambing*, more *lambing*! (a little more affection, more loving),'" laughs Ryan. "Now, the director keeps telling us, 'Hold back! Save that for later!'" •

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handcuffing the son to his bed to make sure he complied.

For his part, it took Boy a couple of years to realize that this was no fleeting fancy. "He's still here. He irritates me once in a while, but I look for him. I was starting to really fall. Had he left me after a year, it would have been just one of those things."

Over the years, Boy would go on to found Backroom Inc., build a career as the hottest talent manager in the business, and become a celebrity in his own right. Bong would become a PAL steward for 11 years, leaving only to take over as vice president of Backroom and run the company while Boy stayed in the limelight. Yet today, when asked what makes their relationship work, neither has a definite answer.

"There's nothing generic, because this is a personal story," Boy says. "I think it's also serendipity. If I got into a relationship with someone who, at that time, was grappling with his ego like me, *matagal nang natapos ito* (this would have ended a long time ago).

When did they know that they had finally become equals? "Towards the end of his stint with PAL," Boy says with a laugh, "When he was already yelling back at me! Lines had blurred. But seriously, I believe that a relationship is not possible if there is no equality on all levels—sexually, emotionally, financially. In spite of my celebrity, we come into this house without any extra baggage about who we are."

That also means giving each other equal space, even when, as Boy puts it, "there are no rules written on the wall." That's why Bong backs off when Boy is quiet and lost in a book he's reading. That's why Boy stays home or works when Bong, the athlete, goes mountain climbing and scuba diving, or plays tennis with friends; Boy joins him for the occasional game of tennis or badminton.

Both admit they are very different—Boy knows the books, but can't operate a cellphone; Bong is the techie. Boy is more confrontational, but melts when Bong cries, just as Bong is all thumbs when Boy whines about bodily aches and pains. "We have a number of commonalities," Boy says. "We love to talk, and we love to laugh—really laugh."

Maybe that's the secret? "We live each day to the best or worst we can," Boy says simply. Even commitments are nothing formal. "Just recently we told each other, Baby, if I tell you, *lumayas ka*, don't ever believe me," Boy says, "because I'd be lying."

A very Boy Abunda question: Describe this relationship in one word.
Boy: Ha? I'm calculating an answer, and that's not good. Let's see….
Bong: Ako meron na: Forever. After eight, 12, 20 years, only after 20, he said, 'Baby, palagay ko, forever na ito.' After 20 years, ha!
Boy: My God! That's the first thing that comes to mind. "My God!" •

Bonding 24/7 (from page 11)

Punk rock instinct: "The sincerity should be there"

you love. "It's because of the people that we are, a little luck and the opportunities that we took," says Myrene.

Adds Raimund: "We still follow the punk rock instinct of not doing it just for the money or because you're going to get famous or have a show somewhere. The sincerity should be there. You must like what you're doing."

Of course, the partners have to balance the demands of band life with the responsibilities of being parents to their daughter Atari Kim, now six.

"Being a couple in a band, you need to separate the work part of it from the relationship," says Myrene. "I don't think we ever do it consciously, but you have to keep your priorities right. If I can't make a gig because Atari has a school program, I get a sub because one of us has to be there at the program. Those are the things we make time for."

As it turns out, being in a band and being in a long-term relationship have a lot in common: the most important being the ability to keep things fresh and exciting, and to make time for the things that count.

Recently, Sandwich has decided to cut back on its gig schedule because it was starting to feel too much like work. By pacing themselves, the band keeps each gig enjoyable while avoiding burnout—one of the pitfalls of earning your bread and butter by performing.

Ely Buendia's recent heart attack has also brought attention to the fact that the "alternative rock" generation of the '90s are now middle-aged, though you wouldn't guess it from Sandwich's energetic live performances.

"We try to keep healthy, to keep up with the kids. You spend 45 minutes on stage with a heavy guitar, you have to be healthy," says Raimund.

And the music helps.

"You have to keep listening to things with fresh ears, that's how you keep interested," says Myrene. " I tell my friends, *batukan mo ko pag nadinig mo sa bibig ko yung 'wala nang magandang* music' *o 'narinig ko na lahat* before' If you keep at it, you don't just lose it." •

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